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Since the creation of five new Young Single Adult Stakes, the thousands of young LDS singles who reside in the Phoenix metropolitan area now have greater opportunities to meet and mingle as well as to serve in callings and leadership positions.

Shown are young people from the Mesa Arizona YSA East Stake leaving the Red Mountain Institute Building after their Sunday meetings.

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Five New Young Single Adult Stakes Now Function in the Phoenix Metro Area

By Cecily Markland
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Several thousand young single adult members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint reside in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Now, as of June 10, 2012, those thousands of young Saints have been

organized into five stakes, each of which are exclusively for young singles, meaning they have no family wards in those stakes but are made up of young single adult wards only.

Prior to June, the Valley was home to one single adult stake, a student

stake at Arizona State University. That stake was reorganized into the Tempe Arizona YSA Stake, with Paul Gilbert as the Stake President. The four additional stakes that were created at that time were the Phoenix Arizona YSA Stake, with Matthew George Grizzle

as Stake President; the Gilbert Arizona YSA Stake, with Christopher Brady as Stake President; the Mesa Arizona YSA East Stake, with Paul Robert Sandstrom as Stake President, and the

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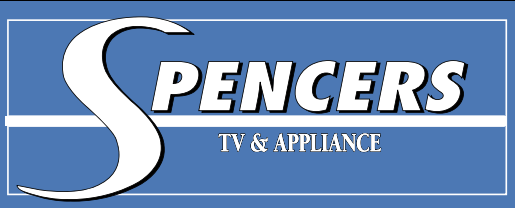


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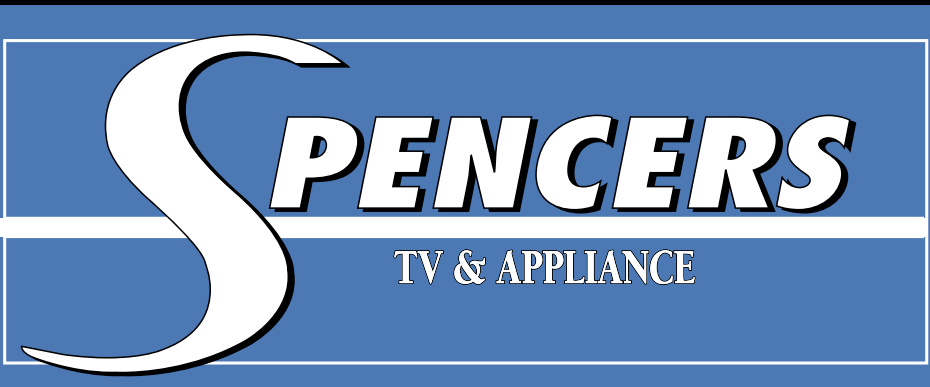
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Mesa Arizona YSA West Stake, with Barry Morgan Smith as Stake President.

“In the young single adult stakes, the entire stake presidency, the high council, Relief Society presidencies, elder’s quorum presidencies are focused on nothing but the young adults,” says Area Authority, David LeSueur. “In home stakes, these good men and women are fractured in many ways. In YSA stakes, all of the focus is on the young adults and their needs.”

“The five YSA Stakes make it possible for young adults to be part of something bigger and provide more support for each other” says Kariann Hibbard, a graduate student at Arizona

Members of the Mountain Park YSA Ward, one of the wards in the recently created Mesa Arizona YSA East Stake, enjoy lunch together after their Sunday meetings.



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State University and a member of the Tempe YSA Stake.

According to, these opportunities and associations are exactly the reasons behind the organization of these new stakes.

“Having a whole stake of single adults really multiplies the dating pool for singles looking for their eternal companion,” says President Sandstrom.

President Sandstrom encourages

the dating process. Previous to being called as stake president had been a bishop of a single adult ward. In their ward in 2008, President Sandstrom adopted the slogan, “Find your mate in 2008.”

“I don’t think it was that year, but another year, there were 49 marriages out of that one single adult ward,” says President Sandstrom’s wife, Heather.

Elder LeSueur says the social aspect is just one of the many benefits

of the single adult stakes. “In addition to giving greater opportunities to meet, mix and mingle and to increase marriage prospects, there are many other ways these stakes are blessing and strengthening the lives of young single adults,” he says.

“These wards and stakes give young adults a great opportunity to do service together,” says Sister Sand-

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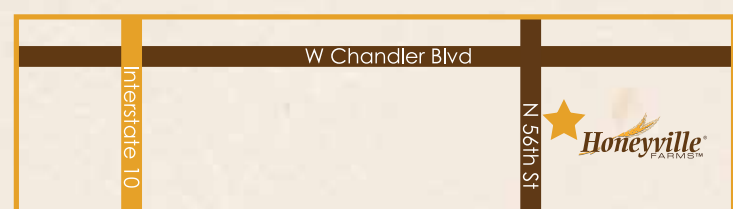
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At the Red Mountain Institute Building, members of the Mountain View YSA Ward study the gospel in one of the several Sunday School classes held in that ward each Sunday.

strom. She says she has seen the young people involved in a number of community service projects. One impressive demonstration of the strength of the young adults was when they were working together to help pass the Marriage Amendment, Sister Sandstrom says. "They made phone calls, put up signs and met regularly to organize and to take a stand for marriage. They were amazing."

In addition to serving in the com-

munity, single adults have countless opportunities to learn about leadership and service in their wards. Elder LeSueur says there are increased opportunities for teaching and serving in leadership positions. In addition, having the single adults together as a group helps to concentrate their missionary and reactivation efforts.

"No one is more effective in rescuing single adults than other single adults," Elder LeSueur says.

President Gilbert says the old University Stake nearly doubled in size with the reorganization and creation of the Tempe YSA Stake. "It's a wonderful thing. It gives us an even larger base, more opportunities for the young single adults."

He says volleyball tournaments, firesides and other stake activities, "can have over 1,000 people attend." Yet, another set of numbers bears out the effectiveness of these stakes, says

President Gilbert. "Baptisms are up, missionary work is up, temple marriages are up. All signs you use to measure activity and success are up."

Mark Stoker, of the High Groves YSA Ward in the Mesa YSA East Stake, "These stakes give us more opportunity to interact with each other and get to know each other."

Mark, a returned missionary

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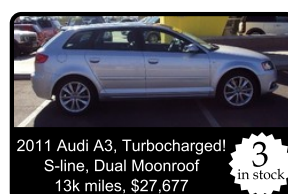
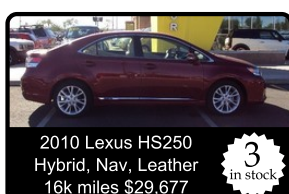
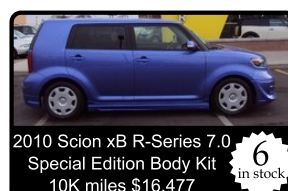
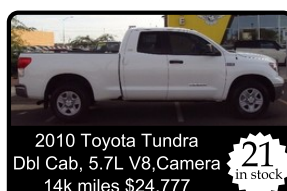
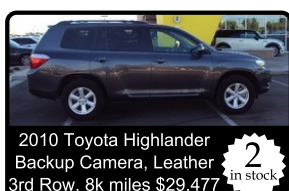
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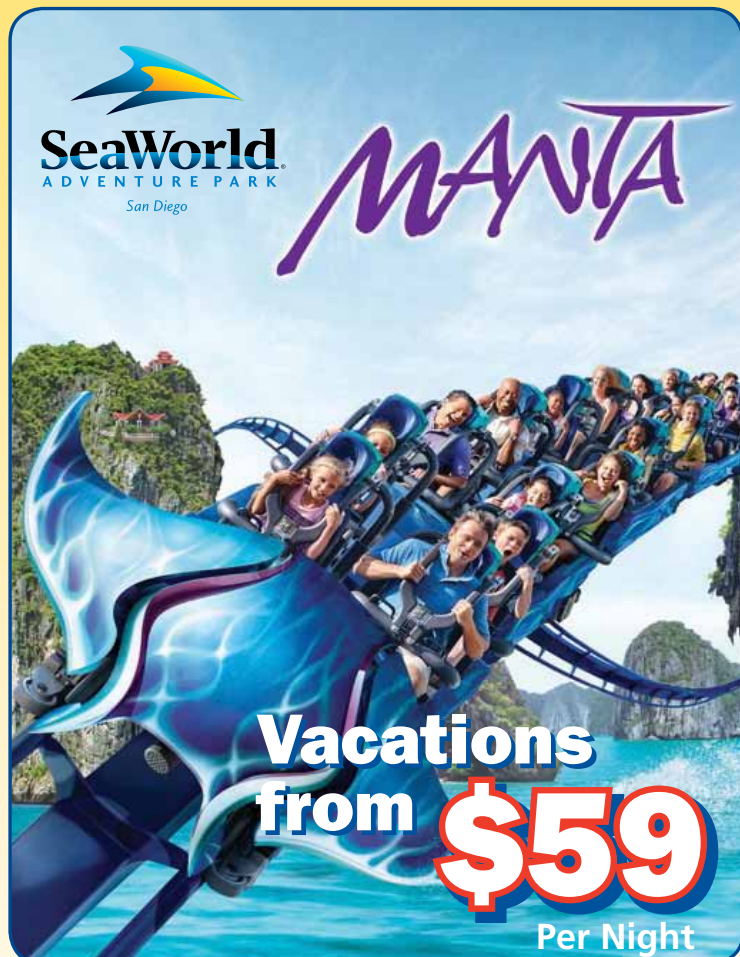
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who served in Paris, France, is the Elder's Quorum President in his ward. He says it is a great blessing to associate with so many young single adults. "They tend to be working, going to school, starting into their career. We're kind of in the same situations in life."

"Young single adults have a lot going on. Many are in transition. They are full of excitement, uncertainty sometimes and they are learning to anchor their lives in the gospel," says Chris Brady, Gilbert YSA Stake President. He says, "at last count, there

were a little over 1,300" young single adults in in his stake, which takes in an area served by 14 stakes. "We overlap southeast Mesa, take in most all of Queen Creek and much of Gilbert," he says.

"It's wonderful to watch these young people living the gospel like they do," President Brady says.

"There are so many different callings," President Sandstrom notes. "It makes such a difference to have callings that help them feel a part of the ward and see them progress in the



The Mesa Arizona East Stake, one of the five young single adult stakes created in June in the Phoenix area, is led by President Paul Sandstrom (center) with counselors, Jeffrey Kirk Rogers (l) and Ronald Le Mabry (r).

gospel. Everyone has a calling."

Those callings range from teach-

ing positions to organizing activities, to serving on missionary and public affairs committees and everything in between.

Kariann says her calling in her ward is Cookies and Conversation Co-chair. "One time a month we go to the bishop's house. Everyone cooks up their favorite dessert and whoever had the best dessert the time before is the judge." She says the winner takes home the "Golden Oreo Box," which is filled with recipes of all the winning entries.

Daniel Woolston, of the Town Lake YSA Ward, Tempe YSA Stake, serves as the stake public affairs co-chair and has served two and a half years on the Family Home Evening Committee.

He says he moved to Arizona from the Houston, Tex., area, where their ward took in a huge area. Here, he says, "You have lots of people of your peer group, who are in the same position as you, watching out for you."

He says a main focus in their ward since the organization of the new stakes has been to reach out to the less active.

"There was a high rate of inactivity and our ward missionaries and home teachers and visiting teachers are trying to reach out to these members," Daniel says. "There are still some people on my roster that I'm still trying to meet and get to know."

Considered it all together, it's an impressive concept to think of the thousands of young people in the Phoenix area who are coming together to learn the gospel and to serve. It's a concept, Elder LeSueur says, that not only strengthens the youth but the area as a whole.

"It's awesome to think about. It's such a blessing for these single adults—well, for all of us," Sister Sandstrom says. "It's truly a miracle."



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Justin, the founder and CEO of the Olive Osmond Hearing Fund, says "The Foundation's efforts combined with those from supporting organizations, have allowed us to reach thousands of individuals, with hearing loss all over the world... to help preserve hearing and promote hearing health."

The Osmond Brothers' concert will be at 8 p.m. November 17 at the Higley Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets start at \$20 and can be purchased at higleyarts.com. A 5K and free kids' run will be at 9 a.m. that morning at Mesa's Superstition Springs Center. To register (\$25) visit: www.run4hearing.com/arizona

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Enjoying their mega-wedding of five siblings on the same day, were (from left) Todd and Brooke Cook, Walker and Jillian Waldie, Bradford and Megan Waldie, Doug and Sydney Schaub, and Will and Emily Allen.

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Five Siblings

Share Their Wedding Day at the Mesa Arizona Temple

*I*t's a love story—on a grand scale: Five siblings marry in the Mesa Temple on the same day.

Earlier this year, five of the eight children of Kristen and Doug Waldie, of the Mesa Citrus Heights Stake, (ages 20 to 28) were each dating. As the relationships progressed toward marriage, their dad suggested that if they were all going

to get married soon, perhaps it would have to be a joint wedding and reception.

"Doug suggested it as a joke," says Kristen.

"Not a joke," says Doug, "more of a necessity."

The oldest sister, Emily, started off the chain of events by getting engaged to Will Allen on March 24. Her sister, Sydney, got engaged to Doug Schaub April 16. Then two of their brothers—Bradford

and Walker—each proposed to their respective sweethearts—Jillian Alger and Megan Turner—on April 21.

As the family began making plans for four weddings, it seemed to make sense to combine them into one big event.

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“Originally, we thought about separate weddings,” says Kristen, but with family members out of state and some out of the country, there would be no way they would have the time or money to come to Arizona for separate weddings. In addition, Bradford would be reporting to pilot training the end of August and wouldn’t be able to attend any of his siblings’ weddings after that.

Then another sister, Brooke, jumped in, becoming engaged to Todd Cook June 12. She recalls warning Todd that if he proposed before the “mega wedding,” she would say, “No.”

She explains: “I kept thinking more and more about it and realized I needed to have my family at my wedding; so, later, I told him we were going to have to join the big day.”

The five siblings and their future spouses moved forward with making plans (in person and on Skype) to share their wedding day on Aug. 10.

“I didn’t know it was going to be this big,” says Kristen, who made four of the five cakes and most of the reception food for about 1,200 people, sewed special folders for those who received all five invitations and took care of many other details.

“My wife has an uncanny ability to not sleep,” says Doug.

“But I didn’t do it alone,” Kristen says. “We have a huge support system. During the last two to three months, I don’t think there was a day that went by that I didn’t have someone call or come by and offer to help.”

Megan’s family was planning a reception in Washington for a week after the wedding in Arizona. “I considered that my fall-back reception,” she says. “So if I didn’t feel like I was getting my special day, well, then at least I had that.”

But, she says, the joint event went “better than I ever could have imagined.”

One by one the couples were married in the Mesa Arizona Temple; three back to back in the morning with a break for a luncheon and then two more in the afternoon.

Then the couples jumped into a borrowed limo, stopped for ice cream and headed to their reception, held in a large Air Force museum at Mesa’s Falcon Field. Signs were hung in different areas designating each couple’s space; and each had their own special dances, photos and cake-cutting, but enjoyed the celebration together.

“I’m so glad we did it like this,” says Jillian. “The reception was so fun, just a big party. It was greater than I ever expected.”

Walker says, “What was most special was seeing everyone together in the temple. If we hadn’t done it together we wouldn’t all have been in the temple together.”

Early Registration Opens for 2013 “Time Out for Writers” Conference

The American Night Writers Association (ANWA) announces that early registration for the 2013 “Time Out for Writers” Conference will open October 1.

ANWA (pronounced “ann-wah”), organized in 1986, is a network for Latter-day Saint women worldwide who are interested in writing. “The purpose of our association is to encourage, assist, and motivate members to write, and if they desire, to publish their work,” the website states. “LDS women writers, from beginners to published authors, are invited to join.”

However, according to Faith St. Clair, ANWA Executive President, “The annual Time Out for Writers is a national writers’ conference open to the general public. We welcome all writers to our conference—men and women, ANWA members and non-members alike.”

The 2013 Conference Chair, Melin-

da Carroll, says, “Time Out for Writers is the perfect place for new and experienced writers to network with industry professionals, learn about the craft, and build relationships with other who share their goals and dreams.”

McKenna Gardner, ANWA Communications Committee Chair, says she learned a great deal from last year’s conference. “It was more beneficial to me than I’d ever have predicted,” McKenna says.

The 2013 Conference is scheduled for February 21 through 23 in Mesa. The event will include classes for all writing levels, a critique camp and query workshop, a Meet & Greet with faculty members as well of opportunities to pitch manuscripts to top agents and a “BOB” (Beginning of Book) contest with critique and prizes

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Centennial Celebration

By Jill Adair
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Formed in 1912, the old Mesa Second Ward holds fond memories for many who lived within those boundaries. Now, a centennial celebration has been planned to remember the legacy of the historical ward and chapel.

The ward name has changed, but, as Mesa Stake President Michael Cooley says, "The ward doesn't exist anymore, only the people do. So many have come out of there; I think it's important to bring them back for an opportunity to honor one another for the goodness they have brought to the community."

"To some of the old-timers, it's just home," says Nolan R. Stradling, who was bishop when the ward was renamed and the boundaries realigned

in 1998.

He recalls that many young couples learned to serve in callings in that ward before moving on, while others stayed and raised their families in the heart of Mesa.

Out of the 15 former Second Ward bishops, Bishop Stradling was the fourth in his family to serve. His grandfather, Joseph F. Stradling, served 1941-1944; his uncle, J. Owen Stradling, served 1963-1968; his father, Louis E. Stradling served 1972-1979; and he was called in 1994.

The ward's roots run deep in the history of Mesa.

The first group of LDS pioneers arrived in 1878. While life in the desert

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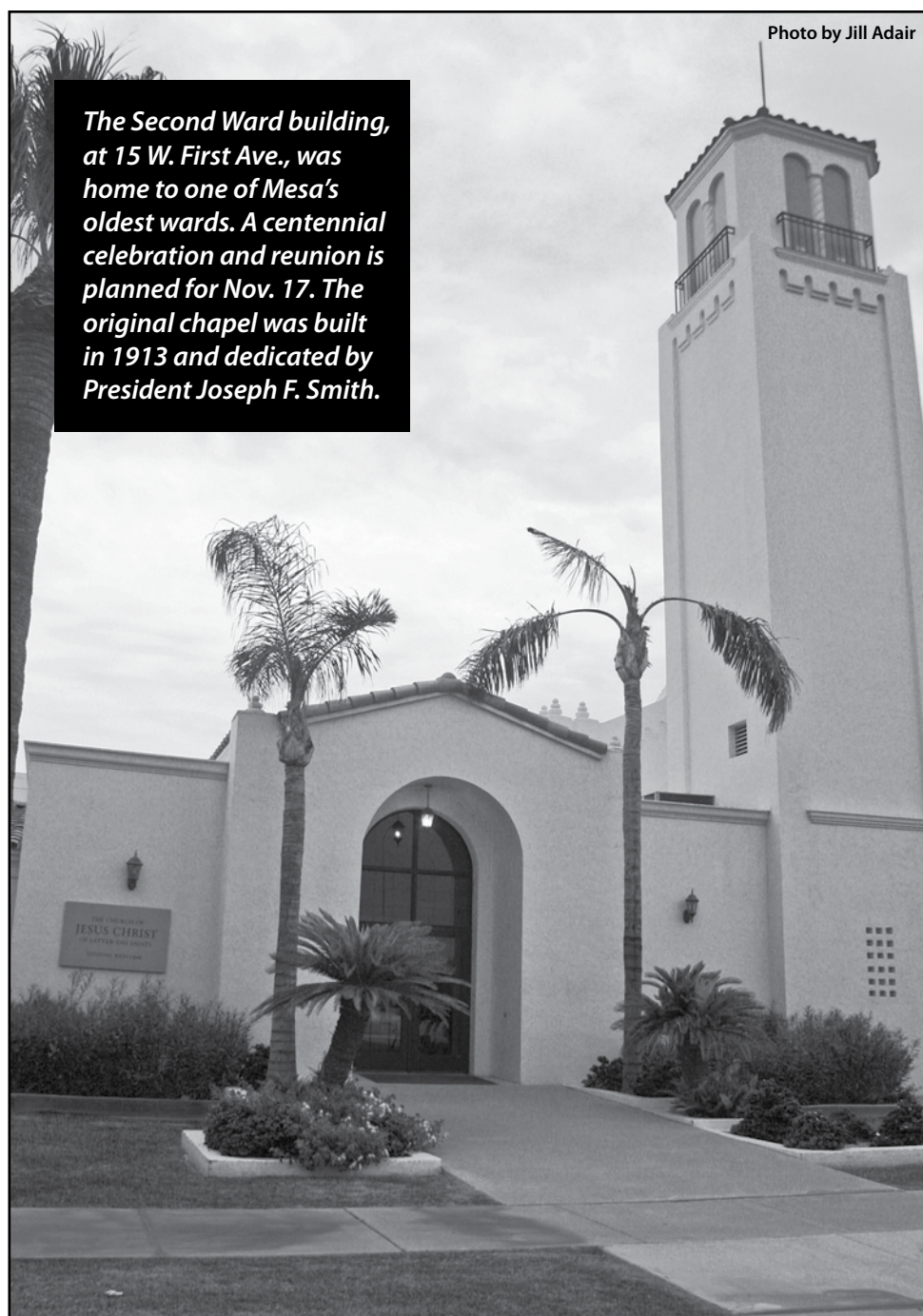


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Arizona Delegates *Enjoy Experience of the* Republican National Convention

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

The experience of serving as an Arizona delegate to the 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., the end of August, carried with it a sense of patriotism as well as lessons in the political process.

In addition, according to Mesa Latter-day Saints, Debbie Forrest and Heather Sandstrom, it provided a chance to meet other people from around the country—and they had an opportunity to be part of an impromptu service project as well.

On the first day of the four-day convention, the proceedings were cut short when Tropical Storm Isaac threatened the area.

With members of the Utah delegation and others they had met, Heather and Debbie joined the group that assembled at a nearby LDS Church building to assemble hygiene kits for those in the wake of the storm.

Heather says the group sang patriotic songs and got to know one another as they packed bags with toothbrushes, soap, towels and other items.

During that project and throughout the convention, Heather says there was

a feeling of camaraderie and enthusiasm.

“We met wonderful people from all over the United States,” says Heather. “The entire experience was so interesting. I really loved it.”

Heather, who was part of the team that worked on writing the Republican platform, says, growing up, she was greatly influenced by her grandfather, President Ezra Taft Benson, who was the 13th president of the LDS Church and who served as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for both presidential terms of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

She says, “Growing up and when I was at BYU, I read all his books and loved hearing his talks.”

In addition, she was raised in Canada, where she saw how certain freedoms were encroached upon and how her father, a physician, and his patients were hampered by socialized medicine.

“From what I saw growing up and so many things since, I have felt a great desire to protect faith, family values and freedom,” Heather says.

Debbie agrees, saying, “It was a

wonderful opportunity to serve as an Arizona delegate.” She says the experience “inspired and motivated” her to stand for the things she believes in.

Both Heather and Debbie encourage all individuals to study the issues and to consider getting involved, especially at a grassroots level, with such efforts as calling to get out the vote.

David Parker, one of the Utah delegates to the convention, who wrote a book called *On the Brink, America's Choice 2012* says it is important to study the issues now and to see how they have played out over the years. David quotes Professor Alexander Tyler, who describes the cycles of democracy and how man moves from freedom to bondage.

“Those who fail to study history are doomed to repeat it,” Parker says. “It



Photo courtesy Heather Sandstrom

In addition to the rewarding experience of serving as Arizona delegates, Debbie Forrest (l) and Heather Sandstrom say they enjoyed meeting people from around the country and participating in a impromptu service project while at the Republican National Convention.

is not too late for American Democracy. If we know the path we are on and the direction we are going, we can alter our course and return to fundamentals that will sustain our nation. We must awake and take a stand of active advocacy for our freedoms and not capitulate to the pervasive apathy in today's society.”

“May we look to November and advocate for the divine freedoms endowed from on high,” he says.

Note: *On the Brink, America's Choice 2012* by David Parker is available on amazon.com.

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was difficult, Mesa's early growth was slow but steady. In an 1894 local census, only 648 were counted. By 1920, there were 3,036.

During that time the original ward formed by the first settlers was divided. On Sept. 8, 1912, the Mesa First and Second wards were created. According to historical records, the boundary was along Main Street, west to

Tempe and east to the Superstition Mountains. Much of the area north was included in First Ward and everything south was Second Ward.

Bishop Stradling points out that the southern boundary of Second Ward

then went as far south as Tucson and took in everything in between, including what would become high-growth areas of Gilbert, Chandler and Queen Creek.

Shortly after the new wards were created in 1912, work began on two identical chapels, just one block apart: the First Ward building at 32 S. Center (which was later sold and now houses

Heritage Academy charter school) and the Second Ward building at 15 W. First Ave. Both were dedicated Dec. 4, 1913, by President Joseph F. Smith.

The first bishop, John L. Riggs, a blacksmith, was ordained and set



The original Second Ward chapel, built in 1913 and dedicated by President Joseph F. Smith

apart by Elder James E. Talmage, with Clarence Dana and Artemus B. Millet as his counselors. Two years later, Brother Dana was made bishop, a calling he would have for nearly 25 years.

After the Mesa Temple opened in 1927, the area saw an influx of Latter-day Saints. By 1930, Second Ward had a membership of 700. Bishop Dana asked O.S. Stapley to chair a building committee, and, despite hard economic times, construction began on a new chapel that adjoined the original building. It was dedicated in 1936 by President Heber J. Grant.

In 1959, a remodeling of the building began. The original chapel was razed and a bell tower, cultural hall and classrooms added. The new building was dedicated in 1966.

The iconic building is now home to the Udall Ward and Lehi YSA Ward.

Former members of the Second Ward and current members of the Udall and Lehi YSA wards are invited to a reunion celebration 6:30 to 9 p.m.

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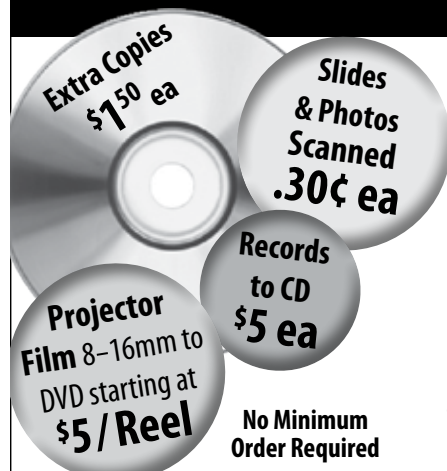
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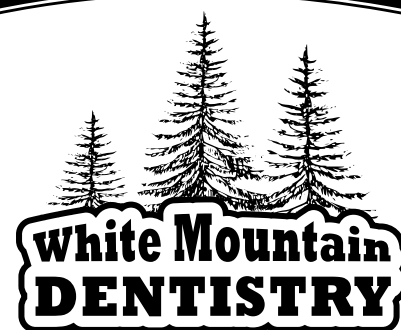
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Breeja Larson, of Mesa, came home with a gold medal from the 2012 Olympics after swimming an impressive leg in the 4x100-meter medley relay to help the United States team claim victory in the 4x100-meter medley relay.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive



Photo courtesy Breeja Larson

This past July, during the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, the world watched as four young swimmers from the United States stepped onto the podium to claim the gold medal for the 4x100-meter medley relay. For many who were looking on—and, in particular, the huge contingency of fans from Mesa, Ariz.—Breeja Larson seemed to shine just a bit brighter than the rest.

After all, it was only hours earlier that many thought her lifetime dream may have been shattered, when Breeja went into the pool early at the start of her individual event. That, and a few other twists and turns were all part of a roller coaster ride—one that Breeja ultimately learned to manage—and conquer—in her quest for the gold.

Mesa Swimmer Wins Olympic

GOLD

“It has been an amazing path, a guided process,” says Breeja’s mother, Marni Jo Larson. “Every decision was based on what felt right inside,” and what Breeja felt the Lord had in store for her.

The ride began early on for Breeja, a native of Mesa and one of seven daughters of Marni and Kjell Larson. At six years old, she decided she wanted to be an Olympian—in gymnastics.

“I was a bit of a dream crusher,” says Kjell. Kjell, who is 6’4”, just didn’t believe it was in Breeja’s genes to be a gymnast. “I told her, ‘Look, I will support you in your Olympic dreams, but do something you have a shot at.’”

At Mesa’s Mountain View High

School, Breeja competed in track and volleyball. It wasn’t until her senior year, in 2010, that she began swimming competitively.

Even then, her first coach in Arizona, Brad Hering, said her stoke was “a beautiful mess.” He also saw some mental walls that needed breaking down, but he knew, “in her heart she was driven,” Kjell says.

After graduation, she was recruited to Texas A&M, where she finished second in the country, set an NCAA record of 57.75 in the 100-meter and won an NCAA silver medal her first year.

Then, a scare with thyroid cancer took her into one of those downhill dips of the rollercoaster. But, “She went back with renewed vigor” and with even loftier goals,” her father says.

Hard work and determination earned her a spot at the Olympic trials, where she went up against world champion Rebecca Soni, who hadn’t been beaten in four years. Breeja’s winning time—one minute, 5.92 seconds—put her .07 ahead of Soni and earned her a berth to the London Olympics.

What made that win even more impressive was the fact that just days before the trials she had been feeling pain in her knee. Her family and members of her ward prayed and fasted for her.

“It was incredible. The day before the race, I got in the pool and didn’t feel any pain—not even a twinge. It was an amazing spiritual experience

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Dear Beehive,

I was in Show Low and picked up The Beehive there. I was pleasantly surprised to see the article about our Time to Blossom young women's conference--especially the information about the service project and Ardeth Kapp's participation. She is so sweet, has accomplished so much and is loved by so many. Thanks for writing a story about her and about Time to Blossom.

Thanks,

Carla Jorgensen
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Dear Beehive,

We want to thank you for the wonderful article on the placement of the Moroni statue on the Gilbert Temple spire. We could feel the excitement this event generated because of the way the author described the anticipation, the statue's size and construction, and we really enjoyed hearing what the members in that district had to say.

The article was very informative and well written, and we would like to see more of this author's news stories in The Beehive!

Sincerely,

The Savorys

Dear Beehive:

As many of The Beehive's readers have attended the Christmas Idea House, your newspaper has been a great help to get the word out to the local community. We are in our 55th year, and through it more than \$2.3 million has been raised, all of which is given back to the local community in the form of need-based scholarships and grants to community charities. Thank you for your help in letting people know about this annual event.

Sincerely,

Christine Anthony
Publicist, DESERT CLUB
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Dear Beehive,

Thank you for the informative story published in The Beehive about the 1830 Book of Mormon being taken from my Bookstore on May 21, 2012. The story spread worldwide through television and newspaper coverage. Calls came from China, Hawaii, Canada, New York and Washington, DC. and every mention of the Book of Mormon was positive. It may be a year before the 1830 Book of Mormon is returned to us.

I am grateful the story was covered in The Beehive and, as a way of saying thank you to The Beehive and the many readers who showed their concern, I am inviting readers to drop into the Bookstore at 121 S. Mesa Drive and take home an 8x10 or 16x20 picture of the beautiful Mesa Arizona Temple.

Helen Spencer Schlie

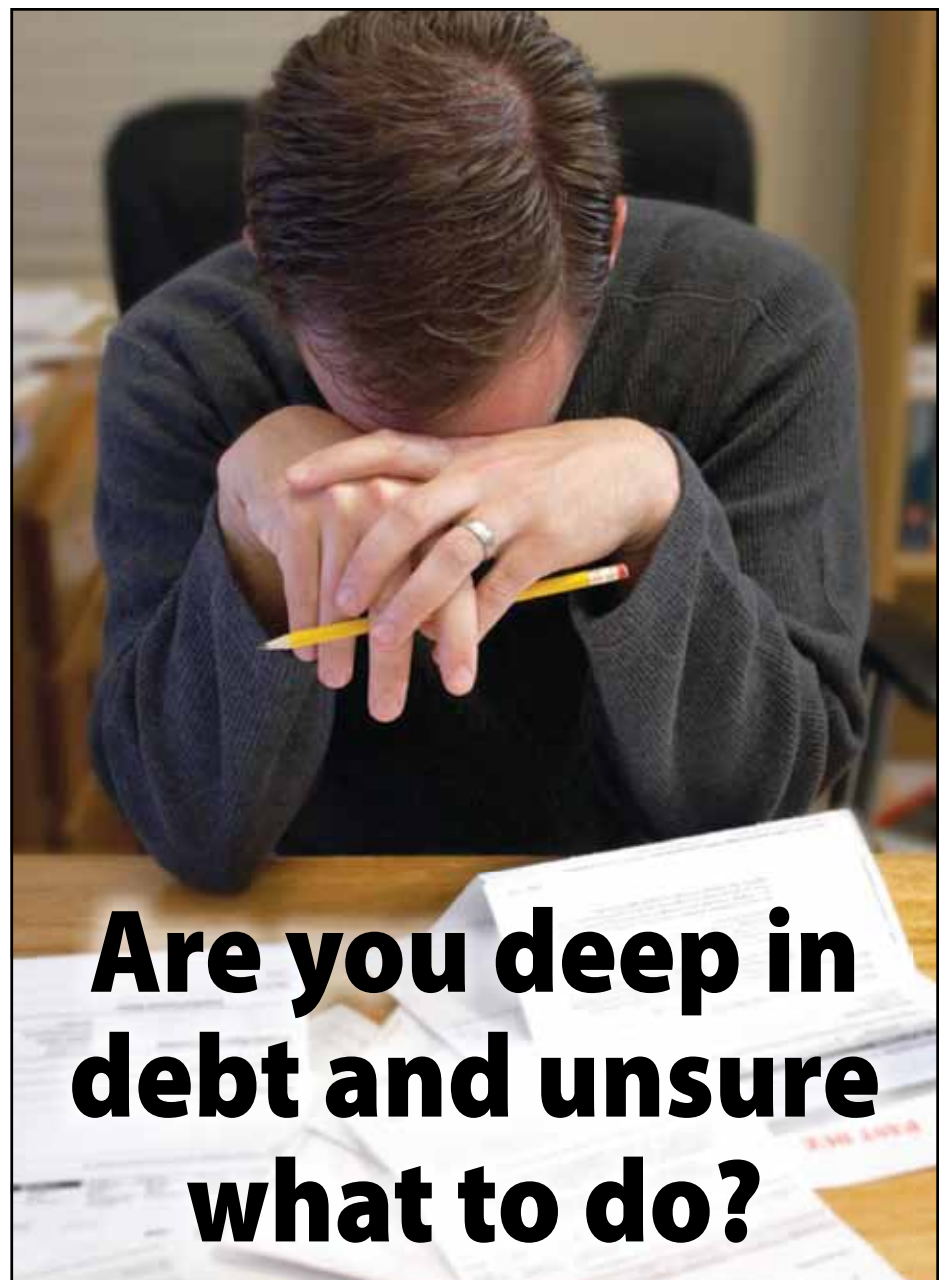
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Safford Author Goes “Big in Japan”

Big in Japan, a new book by Jennifer Griffith, is a sports novel, but also includes romance and a heartwarming look at how the main character overcomes challenges.

By Cindy R. Williams
The Beehive

Big in Japan is a new book written by Jennifer Griffith, a member of the Safford Arizona Stake. A mother of five children ranging from 4 to 14 years, Jennifer also serves as a counselor in the Primary presidency.

Sister Griffith says, “Big in Japan is a sports novel, but it’s about more than sports. It’s got romance, but it’s more than a romance. It’s about a man who has overwhelming challenges and who has to reach inside to overcome them and to become the warrior he was always meant to be.”

Readers will find the book unusual, she says.

“Most of us know very

little about sumo. It’s so foreign and, frankly, weird to us. Big in Japan is a glimpse into that hidden world. There may be a lot of travel novels out there, but I tried to present a clean one—all while giving the reader a virtual trip through the streets and houses and countryside and sports of Japan.”

The book is also quite unique. Sister Griffith says, “Big in Japan might just be the first sumo wrestler novel with a romance. Buck falls hard for a tiny princess of sumo so ‘far out of his reach due to his size. It’s not often

the ‘big’ guy has a chance at love.”
“The book is heartwarming

too because Buck Cooper must allow himself to transform, via the throes of sumo, into the warrior he has always been inside,” she says.

Sister Griffith served a mission in Japan, which gave her the inspiration to write the book.

“I fell in love with the people and the culture. One night I was in a car and the sumo match came on the radio. The teenage daughter we were with went crazy for her favorite sumo champ. It blew me away, and I had to figure out why a teen girl was so interested in huge, mostly-naked men shoving each other.”

Sister Griffith not only enjoyed creating this novel, she enjoys the process of writing itself.

“Writing is a great hobby because it’s a chance to think my own thoughts in between being a full-time mom. It’s great because I don’t have to leave home and it costs nothing but ink for



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Jennifer Griffith, of the Safford Arizona Stake, says serving a mission to Japan was the impetus for writing her recently released novel, *Big in Japan*.

the printer. I can be here for my children while still finding expression for my inner self.”

Sister Griffith receives great encouragement from her husband.

“When my first child was born and I was floundering in the throes of new motherhood, he said, ‘You should write a novel.’ That was four novels and five kids ago. He’s still my muse.”

Big in Japan is available online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble in book and ebook format, as well as in bookstores nationwide. See Jennifer at: <http://www.facebook.com/Author-JenniferGriffith> or www.AuthorJenniferGriffith.com. Her Twitter handle is @GriffithJen.



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Safford Man Wears Three Hats: Judge, Stake President, Author

By Cindy R. Williams
The Beehive

Corey Sanders, a stake president in the Safford Arizona Stake also serves as a judge in Thatcher; yet, he made time to complete and publish his first book, *Shinar 54*.

"People ask me how I found the time to write a book of over 167,000 words. It's my first novel, so I obsessed over it quite a bit. I found my inspiration in the morning; after saying my prayers, reading my scriptures and studying Japanese, I had time to write a little each day. I started getting up earlier and earlier to make time. Eventually, I found myself awake as early as 2 a.m. After six months, my first draft was complete," says President Sanders.

"Writing is very therapeutic to me. As a stake president and also as a superior court judge by profession, I often deal with lives in shambles. I have often told myself (and others) that if people would live the law of chastity and the Word of Wisdom, only two commandments in the vast array of Mormon standards, over 90 percent of all societal problems would be solved. *Shinar 54* is the thesis for that idea," he explains.

The novel's original plot includes both a "pre" and a "post" apocalyptic novel.

President Sanders says, "The current trend of polarization between good and evil continues and intensifies. In the next decades, society is

split apart. One must choose between evil, darkness and despair or the promise of health, happiness and unselfishness in *Shinar*. The choice becomes a matter of life and death as the end of the world draws near. *Shinar* explores the inner, individual conflicts the characters must face in the setting of the last days."

Brother Sanders says he is inspired to write about the human condition and the causes behind much of our suffering. His characters are symbolic of universal human struggles.

Jennifer Griffith, a Safford novelist, and writer for the Eastern Arizona Courier, called *Shinar 54* "smooth-reading science-fiction excellence."

"The book is not meant to be a doctrinal discourse on Mormonism," President Sanders says.

"In some ways, the novel can be interpreted as a denunciation of extremism, whether it is religious or secular. We are losing the safety of the moderate, middle ground in American society. *Shinar 54* is the dire prediction of the future, if this trend goes unchecked."

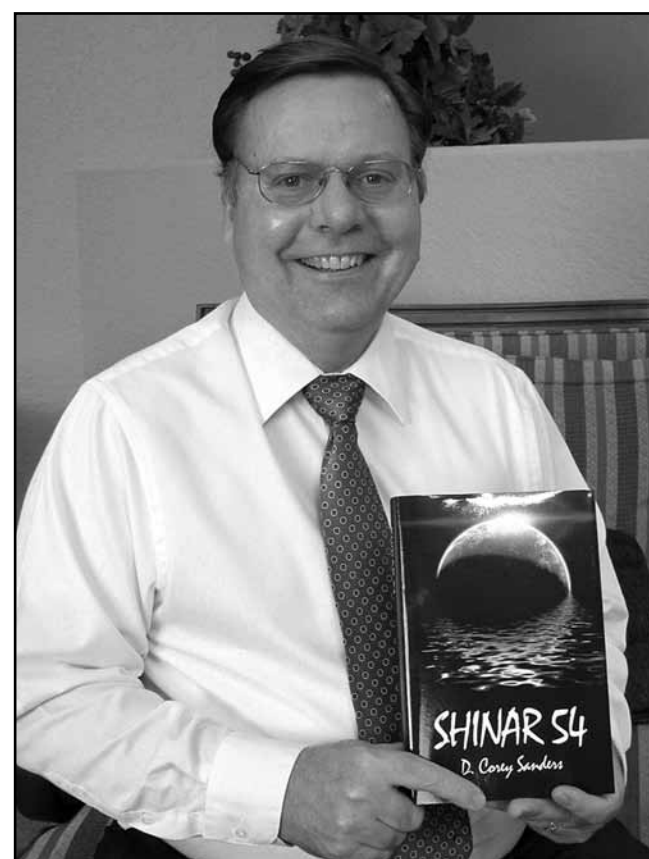
Much of his inspiration comes from his wife,

Melisa.

"She is my best friend and most honest critic. For years, she has said, 'You need to write a book.' Well, now I did. It was hard. The next book she gets to write. Just kidding, on that. I'm working away on my next novel, not a sequel to *Shinar 54*, but a new idea, specifically for LDS readers, with an LDS hero."

Shinar 54, published through AuthorHouse is available at local book-

*Safford Arizona Stake President, Corey Sanders, who also serves as a judge in Thatcher, has recently added "author" to his list of accomplishments, with the publication of his first novel, **Shinar 54**.*

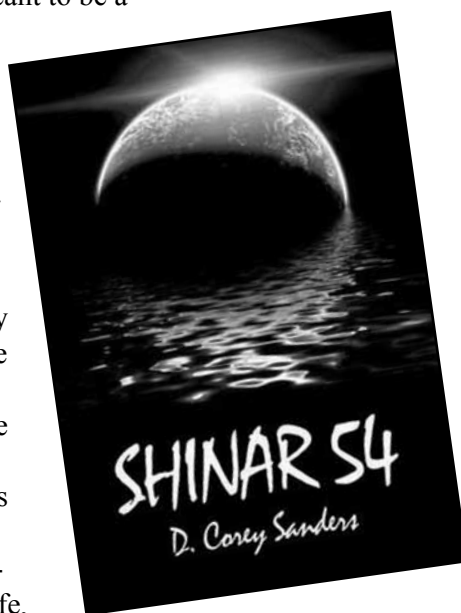


Photos by Melissa Sanders

Shinar 54, a recently released novel and the first book published by Corey Sanders, is a science fiction novel that contrasts the choices of good versus evil.

stores in Safford, at CMI and Bookworms and online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Smashwords.com, Authorhouse.com and in e-book formats for Kindle and Nook.

For more information, visit dc-sanders.blogspot.com, or email dc-sanders@cablone.net.



Safford's Joann Follett Mortensen Writes Book After **30 YEARS** of Research

By Cindy R. Williams
The Beehive

Joann Follett Mortensen spent 30 years researching her third great grandfather, King Follett. The result of her research is the informative 600 page book, *The Man behind the Discourse: a Biography of King Follett*.

Sister Mortensen, of the Safford Arizona Stake, explains, saying, "It was at King Follett's funeral in Nauvoo in 1844 that the Prophet Joseph Smith preached a sermon on the relationship between God and man, which became one of his greatest sermons and has

since been known as the King Follett Discourse."

The mother of three adult children—Tonya, Hal and Dino—and the grandmother of seven, Sister Mortensen says, "Very little has been known or written about the 'man behind the sermon.' But the book is more than just his personal story; it is the story of the early church in its beginning years told through the life of one of the early-day converts, who were just ordinary people but became the solid foundation of the new religion."



Photo by Jennifer Griffith

After 30 years of researching information about King Follett, her third great grandfather, Joann Follett Mortensen recently published, *The Man behind the Discourse: a Biography of King Follett*.

She explains, "All of my life I have heard of the King Follett Discourse and knew from my family history that

he was my relative and a good friend of the Prophet [Joseph Smith]. I want-

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ed to know more. Because neither he nor any of his children kept a journal, it seemed an impossible task, but one I decided to undertake."

Sister Mortensen says, "As I researched and discussed the project with historians both in and out of the Church, each of them assured me that the topic was one of interest and needed to be told. I felt it needed to be addressed as only a family member could."

She was inspired by a desire for her grandchildren to know and love their history and ancestors as she does, and

adds, "I also believe that my ancestors inspire me to write because they want their stories told."

She began her quest for information about Follett and his family by contacting a genealogist who had general information about the Folletts. She also contacted her extended family.

"As we traveled to sites throughout the country to visit places that might hold a piece of King's puzzle, my husband, Irval, took photos that were later used in the book. His support has inspired me day by day and year by year as the book came together," says Sister Mortensen.

Tonya Mortensen, Joann's daughter, says all the family vacations in obscure locations in the Midwest became

worth it when *The Man Behind the Discourse* was published. "We spent just as much time 'cemetery hopping' as we did at amusement parks, museums and national parks. We heard endless stories and thoughts regarding King Follett while growing up and even more since. Our mother has truly caught the Spirit of Elijah.

The Man Behind the Discourse: A Biography of King Follett is available at Bookworms in Thatcher, Ariz., and in some Deseret Book Stores. It is also available through the publisher at Gregkofford.com and online at DeseretBook.com and Amazon .com. For an autographed copy, contact Sister Mortensen at jfmortensen@gmail.com.

for me," Breeja says.

That and other experiences have taught her of her own value and given her a sense of competing against her own times and not necessarily against the other girls. Before one particular race, she realized, "Heavenly Father loves every one. Every girl in that race was a daughter of God."

She drew on that strength in London, especially when things didn't go exactly as planned. In the individual event, Breeja took her mark, heard a buzzer go off, and went into the water—the only swimmer to do so. "I came up and it was perfectly silent. I thought, 'I hope no one saw that,'" Breeja laughs. She prayed for another chance and was grateful when she wasn't disqualified and was allowed to race. Breeja finished in sixth place.

Still, Breeja showed her true grit and her championship nature when she was chosen to race in the 4x100-meter medley relay—and led the team to an impressive victory—and to a gold medal.

Her advice to other young woman—"Pursue your dreams—but make sure they are dreams that make you happy."

As for Breeja, happy with the realization of her dream—she has now set her sights on the 2016 Olympics.

Howard Lyon Shares his Work at "Art in the Home" Shows

"Art in the Home" shows are in-home parties featuring the artwork of Howard Lyon.

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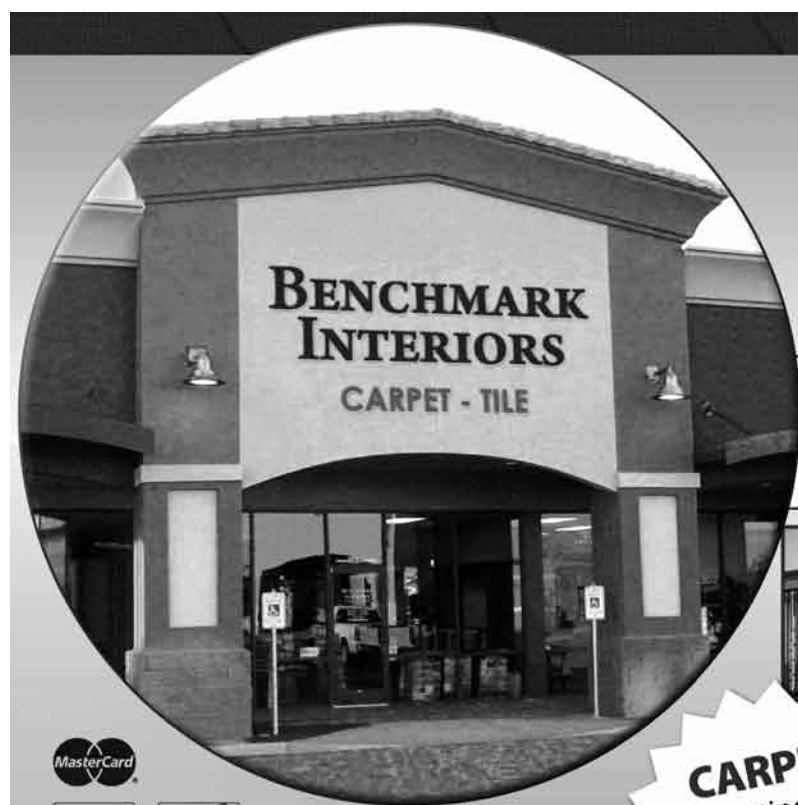
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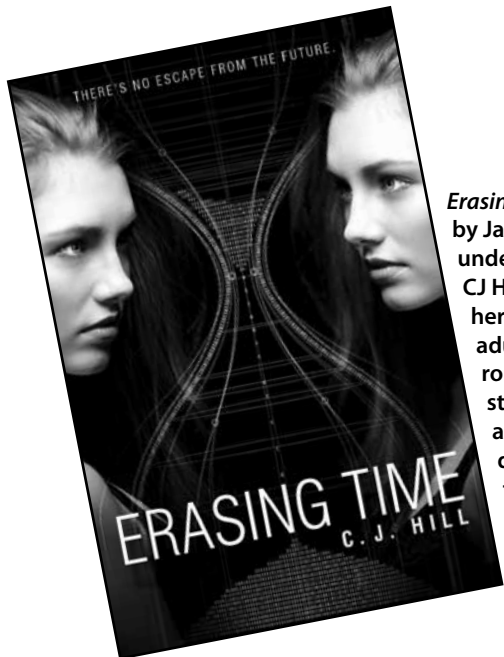
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Erasing Time, written by Janette Rallison, under the pen name, CJ Hill, is a shift from her typical young adult, light-hearted romances and, instead, is a futuristic action novel that deals with time travel and the challenges of living in a dystopian society.

Author, Janette Rallison, of Chandler East Stake, who is known for her young adult novels, recently released her 19th book, titled Erasing Time.



Photo courtesy Janette Rallison

By Emily Robbins
The Beehive

In August, young adult author Janette Rallison, under the pen name CJ Hill, released her 19th book, *Erasing Time*.

For Janette, a member of Chandler East Stake, this novel is quite a step

away from her typical light-hearted romantic themes. In place of a romantic comedy, she has written a futuristic action tale, complete with twins who are lost in time, and a 400-year-in-the-future dystopian society in which lan-

guage is unrecognizable and religion has been forced underground.

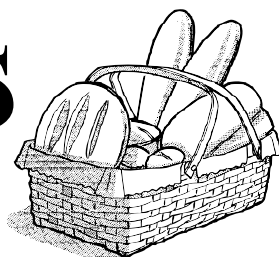
"Somebody reviewing it said it was part Da Vinci Code, and I don't know about that, but it definitely is an action novel," Janette laughed. "But there's

still some witty banter in there, and definitely romance. Just a lot more action than in my previous books."

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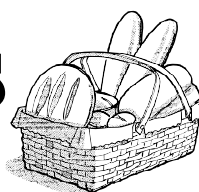
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Her Testimony

By Stephanie Abney
The Beehive

“Painting is how I share my testimony,” says 18-year-old Katie Duffin. Her artwork includes pen and pencil drawings, watercolors, acrylics and chalk drawings. Katie can paint just about anything, but recently she has been painting temples directly onto faux leather journal or scripture covers, making each one an original work of art.

The second oldest of seven children, Katie is the daughter of Keith and Lorraine Duffin of the Thunder Mountain Ward, Mesa Arizona Salt River Stake. Since high school gradu-

ation in May, Katie has attended the Mountain Park Ward, Mesa Arizona YSA East Stake. This fall she starts college at BYU-Idaho where she will major in chemistry and minor in art.

Katie was born in Arizona and lived here until she was two. Her family spent nearly 15 years living in the east, in Virginia and Maryland.

Katie entered her first “real” painting in the National Duck Stamp Competition. It won “Best of Show.”

Katie is basically a self-taught artist. Her freshman year of high school, a teacher recognized her natural talent and got Katie into the senior art class.

She spent her sophomore and junior years at the Albert Einstein High School, which runs a magnet program for art students. For her class, Katie created an art portfolio, which includes all types of her work. Some of her favorites are those done with watercolors and acrylics.

Her family moved back to Mesa in June 2011, and Katie spent her senior year at Red Mountain High School. During this time she did weekly baptisms for the dead at the Mesa Arizona Temple and served in the ward Laurel



Photo by John Wilson

Katie Duffin, a new freshman at BYU-Idaho, is using her artistic talents to help pay for her college education.

class presidency. Her Young Women’s leader, Lori Marquez, says, “Katie was an outstanding example. The strength of her testimony shined through constantly. Her interest in and loving care of the younger girls enhanced our

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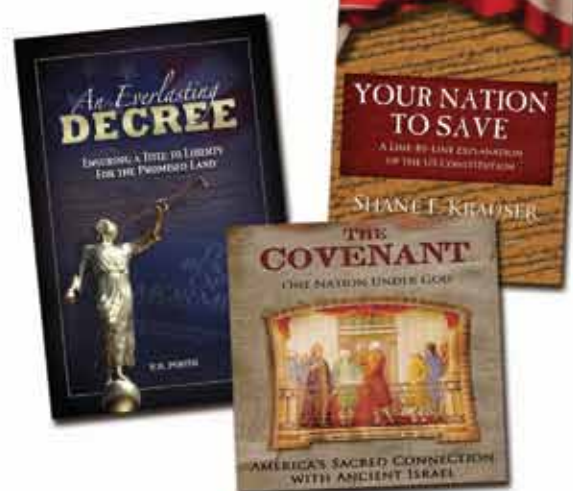
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Time Travel Futuristic Novel
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praised most about *Erasing Time* is the depth and the detail given to the futuristic society, specifically the language. Channeling the perplexing pentameter of Sir William Shakespeare, along with her self-proclaimed inner “word-geek,” Janette cleverly portrays the way in which language changes and becomes unrecognizable—even to people still speaking the supposed same language hundreds of years apart. It’s akin to what happens when teens studying Shakespeare have no idea what he was saying, even though he wrote so the masses could understand in his time.

“Language changes and evolves over time,” Janette says. “If we really did time travel, we couldn’t go very far in either direction, because we wouldn’t be able to understand people.”

The two main characters, twins Sheridan and Taylor, find themselves 400 years in the future, where they need an interpreter to understand what anyone is saying, and where the religion they knew has been banned, reduced to symbols hidden throughout the city, much like in the days of early Christianity.

Thus ensues a fast-paced plot, as the girls try to escape the totalitarian government, elude the mob-like

Dakine and figure out how to escape the city with the help of a boy named Echo who has his own secrets.

Through one of the twins, an occasionally condescending genius—who, Janette says, “may or may not” be unintentionally based on someone she knows—the author is able to convey specific aspects of the story, such as the physics behind time travel and how it could be possible.

“I actually had to study physics to write this book,” Janette says. “When I’m talking about how the time machine pulses energy, it’s all really actual physics. It’s kind of ironic because I was forced to go through school learning science and history, and I thought, ‘I’m never going to use this!’ But here I am as an adult and I’ve learned so much.”

This geeky, action-packed, dystopian, futuristic novel has had great reviews—one by professionals at Kirkusreviews.com and a handful from Amazon readers, to name a few.

Janette will be answering questions and bringing the tale to a close with the release of her already anticipated sequel, *Echo in Time*, which will be in stores in the fall 2013.

To learn more, visit JanetteRallison.com or janette-rallison.blogspot.com.

Teen Paints Her Testimony
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ward YW program.”

Sister Marquez is one of Katie’s greatest fans. “I love giving Katie’s temple journals as gifts for baptisms or for people going through the temple for the first time. Katie is so talented. She can totally customize journals or scripture covers with dates or names, etc.”

When one of the YW leaders in their ward was leaving, Sister Marquez had Katie paint a large Young Women’s Medallion in the center of a journal cover. Then, the girls each wrote their testimonies in the first few pages and presented the journal to their leader.

Katie says, “I did two temple paintings for a girls’ camp fundraiser in Maryland. Since we moved back to Mesa, I’ve been painting to earn money for college. I like to paint little temple journals for friends who are going on missions or new members of the Church.”

Rock climbing and hiking are two of Katie’s favorite outdoor activi-



Photo by Katie Duffin

In addition to painting on canvas, Katie Duffin is often hired to paint her original sketches, like this one of the Washington D.C. Temple, directly onto journals and scriptures.

ties. She hopes to be able to finish her degree in three years so she can be a college graduate when she leaves to serve an LDS mission. For more information about Katie and her artwork go to: www.katiesartshop.com.

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3 Chandler Stakes Demonstrate “Helping Hands & Caring Hearts”

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

A service project that began 14 years ago in Chandler again made a huge contribution this year, providing back-to-school outfits for children in need.

“It’s a great project. We provide 1,200 to 1,500 outfits every year,” says Danell Tarwater, chair from the Chandler Stake, who has helped to direct the project since 1998.

Called “Helping Hands Caring Hearts,” the project began in 1996, in response to the letter from the First Presidency asking stakes to choose a community service project as part of the sesquicentennial birthday of the Church.

“The project was supposed to include at least 150 hours of service and involve as many of the stake

members as possible,” says Sister Tarwater. “We knew we had the manpower and the willingness in our stake, but couldn’t think of a suitable project.”

They reached out to the Chandler School District for suggestions and learned that many children were missing the first day or two of school because they did not have a new outfit.

With Marlane Porter as chair, the stake not only met its goal that first year, they found they had hit upon a project that stake members enjoyed and wanted to continue.

In 2005, when Chandler West Stake was formed, Annette Auxier was called to work with Danell to coordinate the project between the two stakes.

A report from Sister Tarwater and Auxier ex-

plains: “Due to population growth in late 2006, the Chandler East Stake was formed, so we lost about half of our members from the Chandler Stake.

The problem was, the school district numbers kept growing. As we were wondering how we would be able to provide enough outfits, a grant was given to several of the schools where uniforms are required. Later, Chandler East Stake joined us in the project, so, once again, we were able to provide the needed number of outfits.”

“Now we also furnish enough outfits—two complete outfits if needed, plus underwear and socks—so the children have something to wear for picture



Photo by John Power

Danell Tarwater, of Chandler, is one of the chairs for “Helping Hands Caring Hearts,” an annual service project that involves three Chandler stakes and provides uniforms or a new outfit of back-to-school clothes for approximately 1,500 students each year.

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Distinguished Young Women Program Names 2012 Arizona Winner

By Emily Robbins
The Beehive

Every year, in all 50 states, thousands of young women participate in the Distinguished Young Women scholarship program, demonstrating their skills in four areas: Scholastics, Fitness, Talent and Self-Expression.

This year, in Arizona, many local young women competed for a place in the program's National Finals, held in Mobile, Ala., in June.

From among those talented and poised girls, 17-year-old senior, Cosette Fife, stood out, winning in three of the four categories: Fitness, Talent and Self-Expression, as well as taking first place in the Arizona competition.

"When they called the winners for Fitness they called me again, and I couldn't believe it. It was a gymnast, a cheerleader and me," Cosette said, laughing. "Then they called me for winner. I couldn't believe it. I just started crying right away."

Born in California, but raised in Mesa and Gil-

bert, Cosette is an active member of her community, serving those around her and sharing her musical talent. She recently sang the National Anthem at a Diamondback's game, performed at the Constitution Fair and is an enthusiastic member of the East Valley Mormon Choral Organization.

Cosette enjoys singing, writing music and playing the piano and guitar. She loves theater and has performed in plays and musicals with Gilbert Fine Arts and the Hale Theatre.

When she first heard about the Distinguished Young Women program from a friend in her choir class, the idea of entering didn't make her nervous.

"I didn't know much about it, I just knew it was a scholarship program," Cosette said. "So, I thought, 'Why not, I might as well try for scholarship money.'"

She missed the first rehearsal, because she had been competing in American Idol and was still in



Photo by Steve Nissle

Cosette Fife, 17, won in the Fitness, Talent and Self-Expression categories and took first place overall to be named the 2012 Distinguished Young Woman of Arizona.

Hollywood when the practices began. So, when she actually started the program, Cosette wasn't feeling as warmly toward the experience as she does today.

"I didn't know anybody, and I was really stressed out because I was so involved in school," Cosette explained. "I had a bad attitude at first because I thought it was just some dumb pageant, and I thought 'I don't need to do a pageant to prove that

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IN THE MOMMY ZONE...

By Kristie Young Fairbanks

Early this morning, we packed up the family minivan and headed off to the airport. As we drove, the sunrise exploded with dawn's magnificence, shedding light upon a new day. I gazed at our six children, some silently dozing, others deep in thought, staring out the window.

This was a momentous occasion for our family. We'd been preparing for this particular day for months, and now the time had finally come. It was a bittersweet moment for me as a mother, one that I shall never forget. Actually, I'd been preparing for 19 years, so had our oldest son.

We parked the car, loaded up the luggage, and headed for the elevator. The little ones raced about in wide-eyed wonderment, oogling the escalator, dodging frantic travelers.

We checked the baggage and headed for the airline gate, each caught

up in the excitement of the moment. I grabbed my camera and started flashing pictures. All too soon, we came to the security checkpoint, where only ticketed passengers were allowed. We sunk into the closest row of chairs.

Reality then struck each of us to the core. This would be the last time our family of eight would be together for two long years. All of the months, the years of preparation, were now coming into fruition.

Our oldest son stood in his brand-new, crisp missionary suit. His starched white shirt shone with brilliance, matching the look of sheer anticipation on his young, clean-shaven face. His towering frame stood tall and confident, his blonde wavy hair shorn into proper missionary fashion.

I gazed at him, knowing our time was short. He smiled back with a knowing glance, offering me a reas-

suring grin. I wanted to stop time, to savor these final moments with our first-born, but the tick-tock of the clock was unforgiving.

We sat in bittersweet silence as we mulled our forbidding task. In a few short minutes, he would be gone, whisked away by airplane to the Missionary Training Center. For months, I had rehearsed this scenario over and over in my mind, what I would do, what I would say, but my plans melted away at the thought of watching him walk towards this new adventure and away from me.

In my mind's eye, I saw myself cradling him as a newborn, with his enormous blue eyes and bald little head. I saw myself escorting him to his first day of kindergarten, sealing my love through misty eyes.

I remembered teaching him to drive, his piano and saxophone recitals, football games, wrestling meets, and cross country medals. I was there for all of his "firsts," his first word, his first step, his first day of school. I was

his first date.

Now here we were, our first missionary, ready to embark upon his two-year service.

I watched as he gave each of his five siblings final hugs, dreading the obvious. He grabbed his father for one lasting embrace. It was my turn next. I looked up at him, my mind flooding with 19 years of precious memories.

As he reached out for our final good-bye, my eyes stung with tears. I whispered my love and held my missionary son for the last time. He paused for a moment, our misty gaze locked together. He smiled deeply, turned, and faced his new destination.

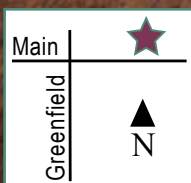
As he waved his last farewell, a silent tear slid down my cheek. Soon, he would don his new missionary badge. I would proudly do the same as "Missionary Mom." Today, we embarked upon our new missions, me somewhat reluctantly, but both with missionary badges blazing.

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Rhyme and Reason

By Linda Turley-Hansen

Farewell to a Grand Man

It's difficult to see my little brother as anyone but the kid I grew up with; my playmate.

He teamed with me and our many sisters to build tree houses and rafts for the irrigation ditch during the hot summer days in Glendale, Ariz. He schemed with us to toss pecans and mulberries from the top of the garage roof as missiles of torment to those below. My little bro, "Bud," was my friend.

The Beehive has allowed me the honor of telling why President Lewis Noble Tenney, Jr., of Heber, Ariz. was so much more than a great pal to so many. He was an exemplary, unique servant of the Lord and leader and comforter to many, including his exceptional family of 11 children, 54 grandchildren and 6 great-grand children. Another 15 children were often given

haven in Lewis and Mary's home.

How and why he became such a dynamic leader in the White Mountains begins with his trust in the principles of the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ and his willingness to put his beliefs into action. His life choices, inspired by exceptional parents, especially his mother, Wanda Peterson Tenney, blessed an untold number of family and friends.

Other DNA must be noted here: His maternal grandfather Joseph Peterson established the education system in Snowflake, Ariz., under the direction of Karl G. Maeser of Brigham Young University. Lewis' paternal great-great grandfather was Jacob Hamblin, a legendary friend to Native Americans.

But, best of all, he was smart enough to pick the perfect mate: Mary Porter Tenney, of Heber. Just a few

months prior to Lewis' death at age 69 (on August 8, 2012, in Heber), he and Mary celebrated 50 years of marriage and miracles. Lewis repeated often: "Mary is the special one. She birthed them, raised them and I had all the fun."

The First Presidency issued a letter to Mary and her children, praising Lewis' exceptional service. The message was read by Elder Larry W. Gibbons of the Seventy at Lewis' funeral, Aug. 18 in Taylor.

Space constraints here prevent a full accounting of Lewis' service. The highlights: Bishop of the Heber Ward, counselor then president of the Taylor Stake, counselor in the Mesa Arizona Mission Presidency and, from 2008 until November 2011, President of the Snowflake Temple.

Mary speaks of the precious privi-



Photo provided by family of Lewis N. Tenney, Jr. family

After a lifetime of service in the Church and as a dynamic community leader, Lewis N. Tenney, Jr., shown with his wife, Mary Porter Tenney, passed away recently at 77.

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day or if they have an accident at school, things like that," Sister Tarwater says. "Last year we furnished jackets for San Marcos, for when the weather turned cold, because they needed uniform jackets. Seven district schools now require uniforms, which we help supply. We use any cash donated to buy P.E. uniforms for the junior highs."

This year, the three stakes participated, providing outfits for 18 elementary schools and one junior high. The process begins in May, when ward representatives are called and meetings set up with the schools to explain the program.

"We spend the next three months organizing, teaching, helping, and reaching out to members until the Saturday before school when all is purchased and returned to the stake center," Danell says.

There, several hundred people help sort the clothes, fill the orders and deliver them in time for children to have them for the first day of school.

"We hold our breath, hoping members will buy the correct sizes, and the clothes will fit. By some miracle, we always have what we need," the organizers say.

"It is obviously Heavenly Father's program," they add. "It takes many, many caring hearts and helping hands to make this program work, and it is a privilege to be a part of making a child happy."

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I'm my best self,' but I just stuck with it anyway."

After many stressful rehearsals, trying to figure out spacing with girls missing from the practices, and trying to juggle her own school responsibilities and work, things finally clicked for Cosette during the last week of rehearsals.

"During that week we just had so much fun together. Everyone was so nice and so fun and I realized it wasn't just some stupid pageant; it was so much more than that."

There was a strong sense of unity and comradery among the contestants, and they encouraged each other and rejoiced in each other's successes.

That is spirit the Distinguished Young Women program has tried to foster since it began in 1958. According to the program's website, its mission is, "To positively impact the lives of young women by providing a transformative experience that promotes and rewards scholarship, leadership and talent."

"A lot of times, with pageants, it's all about winning, and it's catty; but there was no sense of that during the actual competition," Cosette said. She believes it was a good experience for her and for every girl who participated in the Arizona pageant.

For information or an application for the Distinguished Young Women program (formerly Junior Miss) visit: <http://www.ajm.org/>

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lege of sharing that temple calling with her husband. And, though Lewis' service left her alone so many years to raise the children, she never complained. Her family, today, reflects her trust in the Plan and in Lewis' wisdom to be a full-time father when he was home.

Lewis was self employed and over the years owned a dozen different businesses, many still in operation today. He employed hundreds of people, some remain his dearest friends.

His public service was extensive. It's difficult to find a board or organization in the White Mountains that he didn't serve on. For over 25 years, he served on local school boards. He served on the Navajo County Board of Supervisors, as President of the AZ County Supervisor Association and on the executive board for the National Association of Counties. Much of his work focused on improving the lives of Navajo County's citizens.

This I do know about the boy who became the designated patriarch to his extended families and many others he served: He showed us how. And, those he left behind have no choice, but to follow his example and at least try to fill the void.

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Michelle Baer Sings Her Passion “To God and Country” with New CD

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Michelle Baer’s warm, spot-on tonal quality makes for a rich expression of love for the foundations she holds dear in her recently released CD, “To God and Country.”

Michele, who has released three other CDs—“Out of the Dust,” “Never Give Up” and “You’re Worth it All”—says, “I hadn’t intended to do another album.”

“But, I’m passionate about our country,” she explains and adds, “I’ve been so impressed with people who are trying to make a difference and return our country to the principles it was founded upon.” In particular, Michele sees a great need for the unifying power that comes from focusing on the spiritual foundations of the nation.

“The country doesn’t give us rights; we have God-given rights,” she says.

Michele, whose voice has been compared to Karen Carpenter’s has performed in musical theater and benefit concerts in four states, composed music for youth conferences and directed high school and children’s choirs.

From singing at various Tea Party events, Michele saw there was a great

deal of interest and support for a CD of patriotic and inspirational music. She compiled the songs and produced the album with the help of Richard Talbot. She says, “The CD combines five of the most basic patriotic songs, including God Bless America, America the Beautiful and The Star Spangled Banner, along with religious songs, like Amazing Grace, that people of any faith would embrace. Most of the songs on the album people know.”

“To God and Country” was introduced at Glenn Beck’s Restoring Love event in Dallas in July, where Michele sang two of the album selections, a patriotic song in the morning and an inspirational song later in the day.

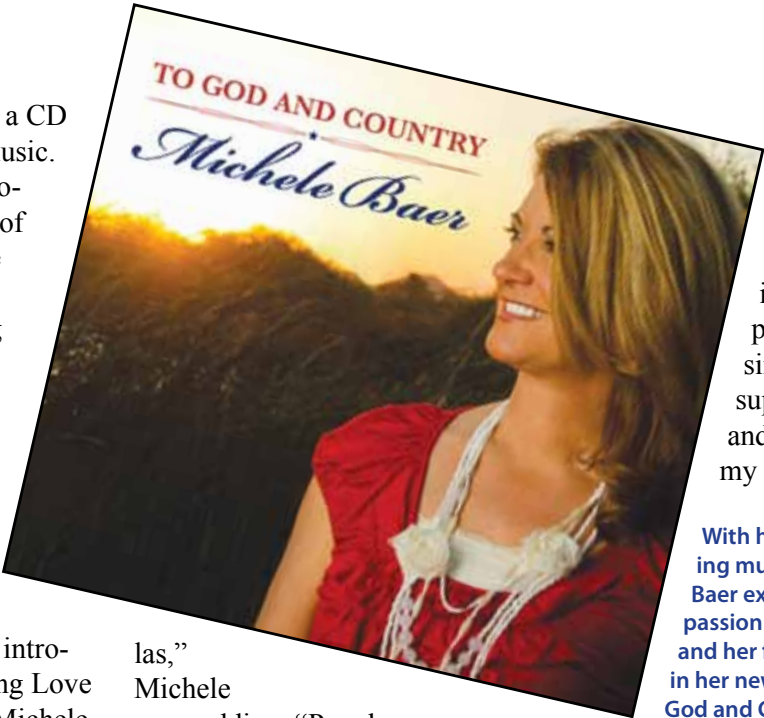
She says, at the event, “You could feel a spirit of patriotism, but, you could also feel the power of the righteous people in the country, people of every faith, who were standing together for principles of faith.”

She adds that the initial response to her CD has been extremely positive.

“I sold 300 CDs at the event in Dal-

las,” Michele says, adding, “People love the powerful songs and the fact that they are sung with a lot of passion.”

Michele, a member of the Thayer Park Ward, Mesa Mountain View Stake, is married to Sterling Baer and is the mother of six children. She is a graduate of Brigham Young University and, in 2003, she won the American Mothers National Vocal award for her ability to balance family, music and community service. She enjoys singing and speaking to groups and has taught



With her inspiring music, Michele Baer expresses her passion for freedom and her faith in God in her new CD, “To God and Country.”

at EFY in the summer for the past several years.

“I believe the Lord uses you as an instrument, and I hope my voice will inspire and bring back in people a desire to do even simple things like to vote, support good organizations and be less apathetic. That is my real passion,” she says. “I

want to use my voice to uplift and inspire.”

For more about Michele Baer, her music or avail-

ability, visit www.michelebaermusic.com or call 480-200-5966. Michele’s CDs are available from her website, on iTunes and Amazon.com. Michele will be performing and signing CDs at Latter-day Cottage in Mesa (2820 E. University Dr.) from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 and at Latter-day Cottage in Tucson (7012 E. Broadway Blvd.) from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

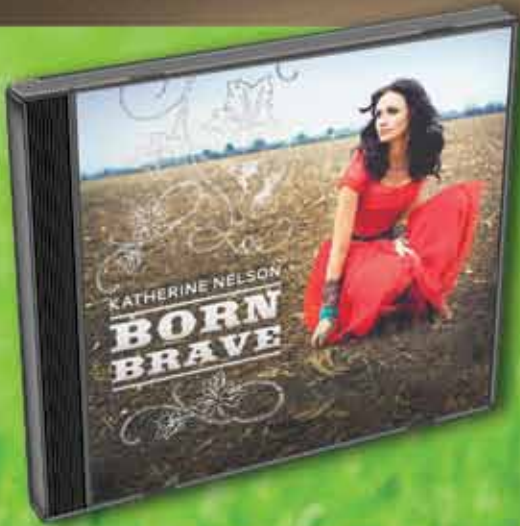
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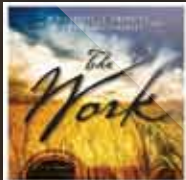
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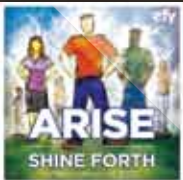
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Recital Honors Songwriter

By Jill Adair
The Beehive

Some of the beloved songs of Arizona composer Wanda West Palmer were featured at a special recital in the Tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City Aug. 16.

Sister Palmer, 82, has penned a number of memorable songs, including "Oh That I Were An Angel," "Mary's Lullaby" and "Rejoice, Oh My Heart," which were sung by guest soloist, Andrea Paulsen, a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, accompanied by Richard Elliott, principal organist of the Choir.

Brother Elliott was familiar with Sister Palmer's music and was thrilled to become acquainted with her son, Rick, and his wife, Elaine, while they were serving a mission on Temple Square. Rick suggested that Brother Elliott include one of his mother's songs in a performance.

"It got me thinking," Brother Elliott said. He decided to put together a special 30-minute recital in the Tabernacle to feature her music. He arranged some of the songs for the organ and invited Sister Paulsen to be the soloist because Sister Palmer's music is meant to be presented vocally, he said.

The recital also featured two songs

by members of Sister Palmer's family. The men sang "For We Saw Him," and the women sang "Behold Your Little Ones." Sister Palmer's granddaughter, Jamie Hon Law, directed the family choir.

Approximately 800 people were in the audience for the free recital.

Sister Palmer said she felt so honored and it was special to have her family with her—all of her seven children and their spouses were there, along with 25 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. "That's hard to do with their busy schedules," she said.

The recital was "absolutely amazing, wonderful," said Sister Palmer after returning home. "I couldn't believe it; I sat and cried almost the whole time."

"The soloist had a very lovely, sweet, voice," Sister Palmer added. "She sang, 'Rejoice,' marvelously."

Of Brother Elliott's organ music, she said: "He played notes on that organ that I've never heard before. His arrangements were very thoughtful."

Sister Palmer also was recognized prior to the "Music and the Spoken Word" program in the Conference Center Aug. 19. A short biography was

read and then several spoke of her music. It was noted that she wrote "Oh That I Were An Angel" in 1962, 50 years ago.

Brother Elliott said he recognizes Sister's Palmer's "great gift for memorable melodies."

"Her music has touched millions of people; it brings home passages of scripture and makes them resonate in the hearts of the listener."

Sister Palmer said she wrote her first song, "Ole Jack Frost," in 1958 when she was serving as a stake Primary music director. After several other songs, she wrote "O That I Were An Angel." She is "surprised and very pleased that it is still being sung 50 years later."

Sister Palmer, who is a member of the Payson Arizona Stake, wrote original songs and directed the musical soundtrack that has been used in the Mesa Temple Easter Pageant for more than 30 years. She has written hundreds of songs, many of which are published on CDs.

She wrote in her life history that

she has "never written a song without first getting a testimony of the song" and that she considers every song "a gift, for suddenly there it is, as if it had been written before."

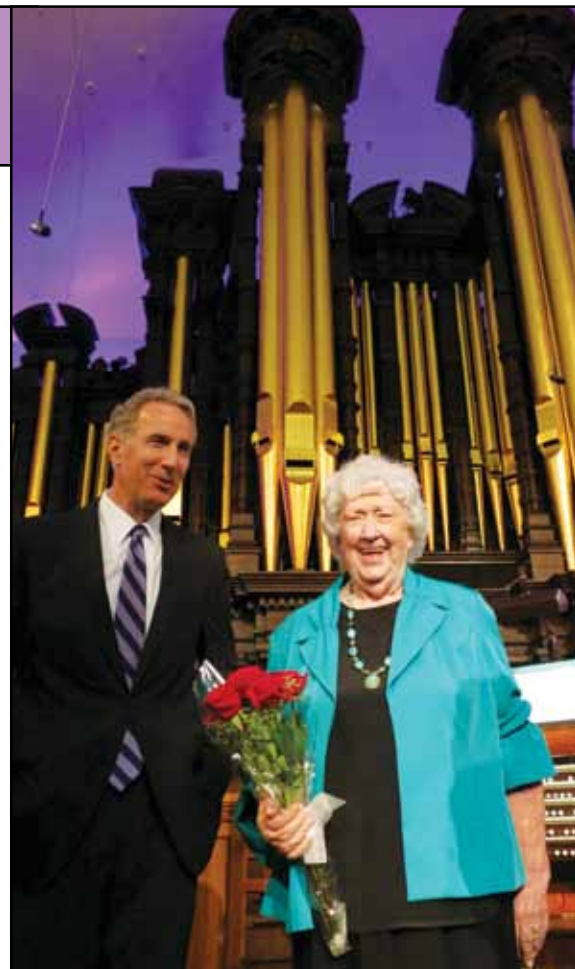


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Mormon Tabernacle Choir organist Richard Elliott with Arizona composer Wanda West Palmer, who was recently honored at a recital in the Tabernacle.

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Mesa Attorney Accepts Appointment as HONORARY CONSUL OF CHILE

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

A new assignment takes Ken Smith back nearly 35 years, to the time when, as a young missionary, he taught the gospel in Chile. In fact, the Mesa attorney and former branch president of a Spanish branch, says he sees serving as "Consul Honorario de Chile" or, in English, "Honorary Consul," as a "continuation of his mission."

As the Chilean consul in this area, he provides services to the more than 2,000 people in Phoenix who are from Chile.

President Smith says the process took four and a half years, and says his Church involvement had much to do with his ultimately being assigned as honorary consul. Actually, he says, the

entire process began when he was a missionary in Chile.

"My mission changed my life," he explains. "The Chilean people took me in, adopted me like their own son."

Twenty years later, in 2000, he returned to South America with his twin brother, Kevin, who served his mission in Bolivia.

"We went for the Bolivian temple dedication," he says.

Returning to Chile at that time and his associations since—including seeing his own son called to serve a mission in Chile—has strengthened his love for the people and his interest is furthering the work in that part of the world. He says he has seen tremendous growth in the Church in that area over



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Acknowledging Ken Smith (second from l) and his recent appointment as Honorary Consul of Chile in Arizona are (l) Mesa Mayor Scott Smith and (to the right of Ken), Consul General of Chile in Los Angeles, CA, Alberto Ruiz; Consul General of Mexico, Victor Trevino; Senator Jerry Lewis and Senator-Elect Bob Worsley.

the past 30+ years

"The Church is everywhere down there. One in 10 people in Santiago are LDS. They Church has a very good reputation; the members are very strong."

President Smith says it was in 2008 that he first considered applying to be the Honorary Consul of Chile.

"I was helping with the Spanish VIP night for the Easter Pageant," he explains. One of the people who attended was the president of Univision

and the Mexican consul. "He asked me, 'Why don't you apply?' to be the Chilean consul."

President Smith wrote a letter to the general consul in Los Angeles, expressing his interest in being appointed. While that started the ball rolling, he says it was only after a series of interesting and seemingly coincidental events that led him to the exact people who were in a position to help make the

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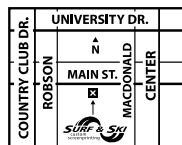
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appointment a reality. His own preparation—as a returned missionary and as a seasoned attorney—was also key.

As consul, President Smith will help local Chileans with passports, to register births and deaths and to prepare other legal documents, including power of attorney documents that help make it possible for the Chileans to purchase property and conduct other business.

A member of the Avalon Ward, Citrus Heights Stake, President Smith was released as the Valencia Branch President last November and now serves as

Area Hispanic Relations Specialist and as a missionary in the Valencia Branch.

From his Mesa attorney office, President Smith spends all day every Thursday working on responsibilities related to his assignment as Honorary Consul—and loves every minute of it.

“It’s something the Lord wanted to happen. I couldn’t have done it without His help and it wouldn’t have happened without the Lord putting things in place,” he says. He says it has renewed his faith and his conviction to “trust in the Savior. He knows the beginning from the end. He got me on a mission. He got me to Chile and opened the door 35 years later to serve the Chileans in this way.”

Mesa Easter Pageant Auditions for 2013

Individuals who would like to audition for the annual Mesa Easter Pageant must first apply on line at: <http://www.easterpageant.org/>. The website is open now and will close October 15.

After completing the online application, individuals also must attend a live audition, during one of the audition times. Live auditions will be held at the Red Mountain Institute Build-

ing, at 7126 E. McKellips Drive in Mesa (near Power and McKellips). Audition times are Friday Oct. 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call backs for lead roles will be that same Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Mesa Woman Copes with Trials through Faith & Beautiful **MUSIC**

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Even in the face of tough trials, Tawna Flake-Posegate has chosen to smile, to be grateful—and to make beautiful music.

The first of four children born to Sanford “Sank” and Louise Flake, Tawna has wonderful memories of growing up in Snowflake, Ariz. Of course, “being a Flake from Snowflake” with a dad who was the Town Marshall and, later, the Chief of Police for five years and a mom who taught junior high and high school for 30 years, “I had to be good,” Tawna laughs. That wasn’t exactly a tall order. “I always wanted to do what was right,” she says.

At a young age, Tawna learned the joys of music. “I had sung with my dad since I was little,” and her dad and her uncle Melvin, both excellent performers, “showed me the basics on the violin.” When she was 10, she played her first song in a public setting. Within a short time, “Dad told me, ‘I will never go without you.’”

She learned to play by ear and had a knack for memorizing music. In high school, she further developed her skills

and earned a scholarship to Northern Arizona University.

“I loved the music programs,” but had a hard time tolerating the smoking in the classrooms and the co-ed dorms. She soon transferred to Snow College, where she was able to study under Richard and Reed Nibley. “The Nibleys are geniuses at music,” she says.

While her music brought her great joy, Tawna says, “I have been overweight my whole life and boys just weren’t interested. Their teasing was just terrible and I was ostracized.”

To soothe her pain, “I’d practice the violin. There were many days when I would bawl while playing the violin.”

Tawna submitted her papers to serve a mission, and when she was told she couldn’t go, she assumed it was because of her weight. “I spent three years thinking, ‘why me.’”

As it turned out, “The missionary committee, who had no computers at that time, had set aside my papers and somehow they got on the bottom of the stack.”

Three years later, that was rectified. Tawna left to serve in Finland, her



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Snowflake native, Tawna Flake-Posegate, has not only blessed others through her beautiful violin music, she has also learned to handle her trials with a smile and a song..

violin went with her. While tracting, “we got into a lot of people’s homes by playing the Finnish-composed ‘Be Still My Soul,’ at their door,” Tawna says.

After her mission, Tawna with her friend, David Peterson, formed Penguin Music and began to record together. “David and I spent a lot of time playing music together. We were asked a lot to play prelude music for firesides and music for funerals. We also played for tips.”

Tawna says, “The reason God gave this gift to me was to share.”

She shared music freely, but it wasn’t until she was 48 that she met Dominick “Nick” Posegate, and they chose to share life together. Now, Tawna and Nick, are members of Harris Park Ward, Mesa Lehi Stake, and serve as temple patrons.

Then, in 2010, Tawna developed a staph infection in her foot. When six operations failed to stop the infection’s progress, doctors recommended amputation.

While being prepped for the surgery, Tawna’s breathing stopped, “I

don’t know why, other than I had to learn something.” Through a powerfully spiritual experience, Tawna says, “I felt wrapped in one of those cocoons. I never felt so loved in my life.” She also felt the power and the “substance” of the prayers people had been offering in her behalf.

“I had to go through this so I could understand me. To know who I am is one of the greatest blessings I feel I have learned and understood to this part of my journey.”

Since the operation, she says, “It’s very hard at times and it can be very discouraging, but I made up my mind I was going to stay positive.”

To do so, she counts her blessings—including her heritage, her parents and the many people who have been there for her. After all she says, “Heavenly Father didn’t take away my hands. He didn’t take away my voice. And, through it, I learned who I really am.”

“I lost a foot, but I gained a life.”

Note: Tawna Flake-Posegate has recently started teaching violin and viola lessons in Snowflake. For information, call 928-210-4159.

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DAVID BOWMAN USES *Artistic Ability* TO UPLIFT AND INSTRUCT

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

He's an artist of captivating paintings of the Savior. He's an author of a book for young people about the Constitution and the principles that the Founding Fathers held dear. He's an illustrator of funny, lighthearted caricatures. But, most of all, says David Bowman, "I'm an educator."

The one thing that pulls together everything else that he does, and motivates him to take on new projects, as assorted and varied as they may seem, is simply that. "I see myself as a teacher first, and an artist second," David says.

"I have a passion for teaching," says the Snowflake resident. David has taught in the more traditional way—as a release-time seminary teacher for a number of years and as a popular speaker at Especially for Youth programs, but, he says, "I use any medium I can to teach."

In fact, his art and writing projects often begin with a principle he is trying to convey. As a seminary teacher, he wanted to impart the concepts from the scriptures and truly have them hit home for his students.

He saw things in the scriptures that he wanted young people to understand. "I tried to think of the best way to teach those truths from the scriptures."

What he came up with was a series of imaginatively illustrated books. Called the "Who's Your Hero" series, the six books in the series not only extol the qualities of people in the scriptures, they also help readers understand how to emulate those qualities.

David's ninth published book, *What Would the Founding Fathers Think?: A Young Americans Guide to Understanding What Makes Our Nation Great... AND... How We've Strayed*, was also conceived as a teaching tool. David wanted to teach young people—in a fun but motivating way, about the principles upon which our nation was founded.

Similarly, David says, his paintings of Christ are also teaching tools. "In my fine art pictures of Christ, I'm wanting to give a feeling of Him and of who He is and to teach people about His love for us."

One of his most recent pieces is called "Guardian." His inspiration for this piece comes from Jesus Christ's "Triumphal Entry" into Jerusalem for His last Passover. With his portrayal of that incident, David teaches a message what he sees as Christ's mission for all mankind. He explains. "At that moment, I envision Jesus' expression reflecting a mixture of emotions: A kind smile, pleased to be acknowl-



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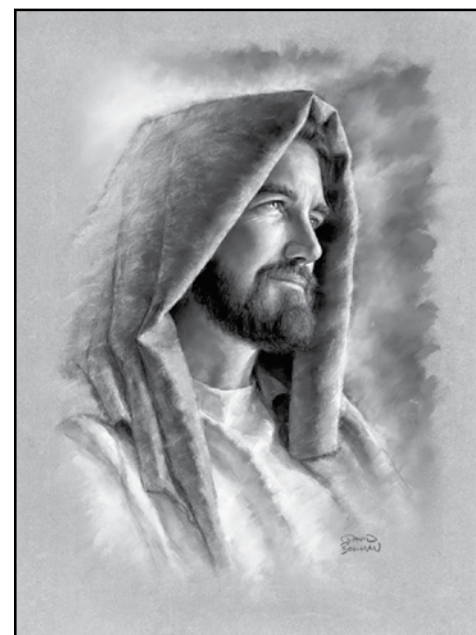
David Bowman, shown in his gallery in Snowflake, Ariz., an illustrator, fine artist, author and popular speaker, says he uses this range of mediums to teach important principles.

edged as the long-awaited Messiah; compassion for His followers; and yet, a far-off look in His eye as He contemplates what will be required of Him at the end of the week."

Then, David says, the ultimate message of the "Guardian" is this: "The cheering will turn to jeering as He fulfills His divine mission—the atoning sacrifice for all of mankind. Christ does not shrink from that mission. He watches over and protects His sheep. Then and now and always. Truly, the Guardian of our souls."

Another new piece of David's art is titled "Home" and is meant to convey the message that: "One day, you and I will find ourselves face to face with the Savior," he says. "I believe we will experience a love unlike anything we've ever felt before. He will hold us tight as we smile, laugh, and cry together. ... We will finally be Home."

David, who is a member of Snowflake 9th Ward, Snowflake Stake, says, by using various mediums to teach, he is more effective—especially when it



With his fine art renditions, like this one called, «Guardian», artist David Bowman hopes to teach about the Savior and his unconditional love.

comes to teaching young people.

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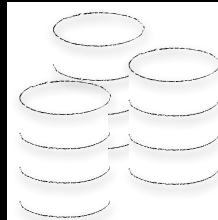
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DOY REIDHEAD

Carries On Where Family Settled in the 1880s

By Emily Jex Boyle
The Beehive

Doy Reidhead is part of the strong heritage and a family historically known for logging and ranching in the Show Low area.

Doy, son of Charles Royal Reidhead, was born in a brick house in Show Low in November 1933. The pioneer house was built around 1918 by Doy's grandparents, Charles Oscar Reidhead and Margaret Kay and still stands today. Charles Oscar was one of

the first Caucasian children born in the area in the 1880s. His father, John Reidhead settled the town of Lone Pine, near Show Low, then later moved near present-day Linden and settled what was called Reidhead Valley. Today, Doy continues the family legacy.

Doy loves horses, and horses even played a part in his marriage to Leone Pearce, granddaughter of James W. Pearce, who settled Taylor, Ariz. At age

five, Doy and Leone played in the Reidhead barn while Doy's father and Leone's brother went after a loose horse. During high school, Doy and Leone, met again at a dance in Snowflake. Doy sat out; his leg

broken from having a horse fall on it. Still, his chance with the young lady from Linden came on the way home. He rode with his cousin, who was taking Leone home as well. In the crowded pickup cab, Doy offered his lap for Leone to sit on. Love blossomed from there and, at 17, just months before graduating from Snowflake High School, they were married.

Times were tough during the Great Depression. Jobs were few. Doy states, "There wasn't nothin' to make a livin' with except your two hands."

He went to work for state senator Bill Bourdon on his ranch near Show Low. While Doy enjoyed cowboy life, the logging industry offered a more suitable wage to support his young family. Doy sold his car, bought a truck and began buying and selling lumber to Phoenix farmers. His dream of someday owning a ranch remained in the back of his mind.

Doy was in the lumber business, working for Southwest Forest Industries, for 25 years. In time, it became more difficult to work with the Forest Service and its Spotted Owl initiatives. In the late '70s, Doy sold his land to Marlin Maxwell and his logging business to Howard Ramsey. He then purchased the Rulon Goodman ranch near Holbrook.

While it didn't have any Spotted Owls, the ranch was in rough shape. The wells needed repairing, and 500

heifers were ready to calve.

The Doy Reidhead Ranch began to flourish through hard work, careful management, cattle rotation, and properly stocking the ranch to avoid overgrazing. The Navajo County Eradication program helped Doy clear 4,000 acres of cedars. They built a holding dam and irrigation system and created a 150- to 200-acre farm. Although hailstorms, bugs, drought and flooding never allowed the farm to help pay for the ranch, the farm did supply the ranch's feedlot.

Doy served as president of the Northern Arizona Cattlegrowers for at least two terms, and, in spite of struggles, his own ranch did very well.

In 1985, lawmakers wanted to give the Navajo nation more land. Doy flew to Washington, DC, with other Arizona cowboys to try to save large leased sections of his land, but to no avail. The government took the whole east side of the ranch, including the home, corrals, barns and arena.

Despite the losses, Doy still has a few sections of land and some horses. His love for roping has been passed on to his descendants. He and Leone have eight children, 14 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Their descendants possess a rich heritage of logging and ranching in Arizona and of Doy's unconquerable spirit as well.



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Continuing the legacy of his ancestors, Doy Reidhead, and his wife, Leone, grew up, met and married and lived their life together near Show Low.

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By Cecily Markland
The Beehive



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When the company opened a retail store in Arizona in 2009, it was pioneering new territory. Yet, some things were not new. The organization brought with it an established tradition of treating people with respect, fairness, and integrity, just as the founder, Lowell Sherratt, Sr., had when he began the company in the 1950s in Utah.

The Chandler store is one of four retail locations, with two in Utah and one in California. In addition, Honeyville Farms has an online presence and ships orders throughout the United States.

Retail manager, Michelle Nielsen, says helping customers find peace of mind is the best part of working at Honeyville Farms.

“People come in looking for the security of knowing they are prepared,” says Michelle. She says it is rewarding to see “people come in with that ‘deer in the headlights’ look. But as you go over people’s questions and help them understand, you see that whole terrified look leave.”

She says the staff at Honeyville “know what they are doing and can help you to know how to survive in times of crisis, but also how to cook in general” and to use food storage items in everyday meal planning.

“We teach them how to maintain, rotate and use their food storage, not just for emergencies,” Michelle says.

Along with the one-on-one assistance, Honeyville Farms provides handouts, so “three months, six months, or a year later, people are able to go back to these handouts and be reminded of what they need to do.” Helpful suggestions also are available on the website, and, “We have cooking



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At Honeyville Farms, customers receive the attention and assistance from knowledgeable and friendly staff members, including (l to r) Dorothy Jackson, Assistant Manager; Tim Devey, Asst. Manager; Michelle Nielsen, Retail Manager; Jenna Scoresby, cashier and Michael Pochiro, stock clerk.

classes,” Michelle says.

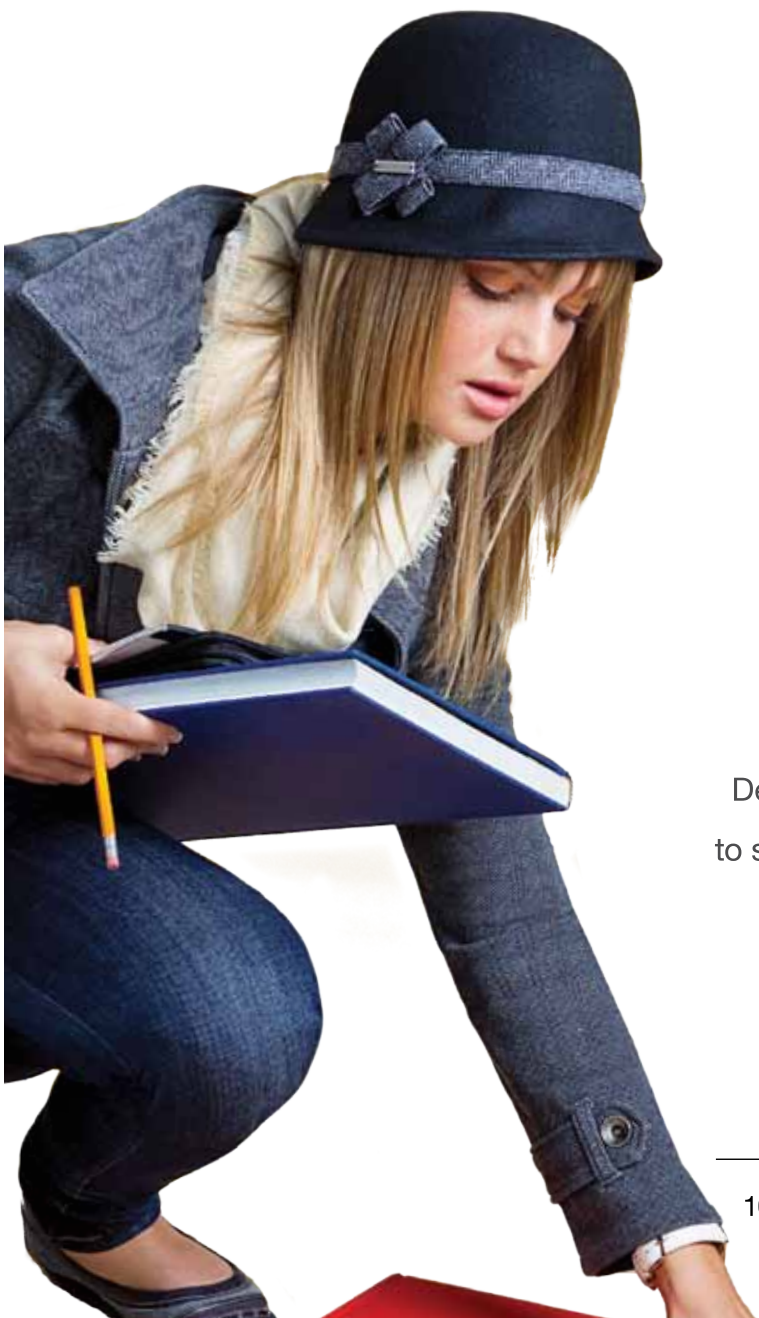
A wide variety of classes, many of them taught by company Chef Stephanie Peterson (aka Chef Tess), held customers visualize how to prepare the food and give them a chance to try items before buying.

“Chef Tess has such a love and passion for what she does and classes help get people excited about cooking,” Michelle says.

Soon, those cooking classes will be presented in the new in-store kitchen being added in the Chandler store.

“Here at Honeyville Farms we are creating an experience. You can go to many stores and give them money. But we want more than that,” says Tim. “We value the people that come into our stores. ... We want to educate our customers and the community on how to be prepared. We don’t just want people to buy our food, we want them to know how to use it and why.”

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Arizona's Bridal & Formal Offers Excellent Selection & Style in Modest Formal Attire

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

With winter weddings, fall formals, holiday parties and New Years' events on the horizon, a wide selection of bridal and formal attire—in modest and unique designs—can be found at Arizona's Bridal & Formal.

The store, owned by Jim and Heather Butler, opened 11 years ago in Mesa. At that time, the Butlers were pioneers in the arena of modest formal wear.

"There wasn't anyone else doing it at the time," says Jim. "We moved to Arizona and opened the

store because we saw the need."

Since then, their enterprise has continued to grow and the couple now has a store in St. George, Utah, and, in December 2011, opened Utah's largest bridal store in University Mall in Orem.

Jim attributes the growth to the beautiful and unusual original designs they offer.

"All of the dresses we sell in our three stores are designed by Heather," Jim says, "and we've been thrilled by the reaction of brides and prom girls."

Many people are surprised to learn that Heather



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Heather Butler and her husband, Jim, own three stores, one in Mesa called Arizona's Bridal & Formal, where they offer modest formals and evening dresses, designed by Heather for their stores.

didn't go to school to become a designer. Instead, she bases her designs on her own expertise in the industry and, especially, on what brides are telling her they want.

"I think that's given us an edge," says Heather. "I wasn't trained in one certain theme or concept. Because of that, we have flexibility."

Heather calls her role as designer a "happy accident," and it's something that gives the Butlers more control in offering modest clothing.

While pleasing potential customers, Heather's designs are highly regarded by industry experts and other designers as well. On one design trip to China, where Heather selected fabrics and colors for her new designs, one of the top bridal factories in China told them that their designers study Heather's sketches because they so clearly explain how each dress should be made.

Heather says, "I've spent a lot of time practicing and that has really paid off."

In addition to offering modest, unique dresses, the Butlers believe another reason their business has blossomed is because they offer moderate prices.

Plus, "we have the largest selection of modest wedding gowns in Arizona," says Jim. "Now, we have the largest selection in Utah as well."

Neither Jim nor Heather dreamed wedding dresses would be their career—Jim was a pre-med major at BYU, Heather's focus was humanities, German, and music—but they both love what they're doing.

Heather says, "I love seeing my designs on a young lady and have her say, 'This is absolutely perfect.' That gives me tremendous joy to have them look so beautiful ... and it's such a joy to work with my husband."

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Gardening in Arizona can be tricky because of dry, hot deserts or cooler, higher elevations, but online resources can help you tap into local master gardeners' best tips for planting, caring for and harvesting fruits and vegetables.

A great online reference manual for gardening in the Southwest desert is the Arizona Master Gardener Manual. Find it at

<http://ag.arizona.edu/pubs/garden/mg/index.html>. This site includes a text search and valuable information on topics, such as soils and fertilizers, pesticide use and safety, vegetable gardening, fruit trees, plant pruning, weed control and more.

Arizona Cooperative Extension, which offers the manual as well as a Master Gardener program, has a website at <http://cals.arizona.edu/maricopa/garden/html/general/hort.htm>. The monthly gardening guide provides very specific information on what to do in the Phoenix area during each month of the year. It gives a list of do's and don'ts and offers answers to frequently asked questions on unhealthy plants, pruning and pests. There is also a recommended reading list for more information.

Channel 3's Dave the Garden Guy has a website at www.gardenguy.com. He is very knowledgeable about all things growing in the ground. His website offers tips of the month and articles on a wide range of topics such as plants you can eat, composting, organic produce and even ways to get rid of scorpions. He does offer products for sale on his website

but there is plenty of free advice to make this a great resource worth visiting.

The Garden Web, at <http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/azgard/>, has a forum for Arizona gardeners to ask questions of each other and provide answers. Here you can find good advice from those who have learned through experience about such things as how to tell the best time to harvest your vegetables and which herbs are better preserved by freezing and which are better dried.

Gardening in Arizona, www.gardeninginaz.com, also has a very good monthly gardening calendar to help you know when and what to plant for the desert dwellers. There is a map to help others living outside of the Phoenix area to find their climate zone and help them adjust planting schedules accordingly.

The Arizona Republic has a free gardening section on its website at www.azcentral.com. There is a collection of questions and answers from local experts on a wide range of gardening issues, including a regular column by horticulturalists from Desert Botanical Garden. Check out the information at www.azcentral.com/hfe/outdoors.

Grows on You, www.growsonyou.com, is a place to find hundreds of pictures posted by other gardeners and lots of helpful tips and ideas. The website states that you'll "find inspiration for your garden, and friends who love gardening." There's a simple feature for asking questions of the experts and links to many other gardening blogs.

Mesa FamilySearch Library Sponsors First-Ever Family History Expo

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Speakers will present a wide range of topics and tips for family history research at the first Family History Expo sponsored by the Mesa FamilySearch Library. The free, all-day event will begin with Dr. Melanie Sturgeon as opening speaker, and will include 20 classes throughout the day.

The event will be from 8 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Saturday, October 20, at the LDS Solomon Ward building, 997 E. Broadway Rd. in Mesa (corner of Broadway and Solomon).

Classes will include topics about Internet programs, such as FamilySearch Research Wiki, the FamilySearch Family Tree, and Google; and others about specific areas of research, such as how to find British, Irish, Eastern European and German ancestors; African American and Native American research; how to find women in public records, and how to identify an immigrant ancestor's original hometown.

"Family Treasures Made of Words," will be about writing your family history; and the "Find A Grave" class will introduce a free resource for finding the final resting places of family members, friends and famous people. Other sessions will explore the "whys and hows" of source documentation and how to find information in newspapers and periodicals.

Presenters include well-known family history experts, such as James L. Tanner, of Mesa, who has over 30 years of experience in genealogical research. Tanner's Genealogy Star is one of the top genealogy blog, and he is the author of The Guide to FamilySearch Online.

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By Stephanie Abney
The Beehive

Almo and Ruth Tolman, of the Greenfield Ward, Mesa Mountain View Stake, recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

The Tolmans were married May 29, 1937, in Burley, Idaho. They were later sealed in the St. George Utah Temple.
Almo was born in a log cabin



Photo by Rod Tolman

The Tolmans, Ruth, 95, and Almo, 97, who recently celebrated their 75th anniversary, are shown here outside the LDS Church building where they attend.

in Burley. While Ruth is also from Burley, they didn't know each other

during their growing up years. Yet, both ended up in California, where they finally met.

While there, Ruth served as a tour guide in the Los Angeles California Temple before it was dedicated. She was a good seamstress and sewed clothes for her family.

Almo began working for General Motors during World War II in Southgate, Calif., and later transferred to the home office in Detroit, Mich. He retired after working for General Motors for 40 years.

The Tolmans are the parents of Rod Tolman of Mesa and Christine Heap Tano of Tremonton, Utah. They have 13 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren.

Rod remembers playing ping-pong with his dad and going on Boy Scout outings together.

"I was dad's home teaching companion and sometimes we would have to travel for half an hour to get to the homes of our families because the ward boundaries were so large in Michigan," says Rod.

Almo loved to tinker with cars and did all kinds of body work. He enjoyed the outdoors and playing sports. Rod often joined him on hunting trips.

While in Detroit, George Romney was their Stake President and Sister Tolman was the Stake Young Women's President. She also served as a Relief Society President, music director, and Stake Sports Director. Brother Tolman served as High Priest Group Leader, Ward Missionary and Sunday School Superintendent.

The Tolmans moved to Mesa about 26 years ago.

Their son, Rod, also of the Greenfield Ward, says, "I'm grateful to have been 'born of goodly parents just like Nephi.'"

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One Life at a Time, young people in Central America are Breaking Out of the Poverty Cycle

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Whether it's moving an entire dental and medical clinic to Honduras, participating in a service vacation or making a donation on a monthly basis—one at a time, one effort after another, the contributions of supporters of One Life at a Time (OLAAT) are making a difference.

Now, a November 2 concert will give people in the Phoenix area another way to get involved in helping stop the cycle of poverty in Central America.

With the sensational Collin Raye as the headliner and well-loved David Osmond, emceeding the evening and performing two or three numbers, the Light of Hope Celebration will offer top notch entertainment. It also will briefly showcase OLAAT's "10 years of bring hope to a new generation in Central America through service, education and employment."

"So many people have given their time and resources to help OLAAT from the beginning," says founder, Ross Farnsworth, Jr., of Mesa. "This concert and the unforgettable evening with Collin Raye is a way to recognize the many who have helped make it possible for OLAAT to accomplish some tremendous things."

"Not only that, it is a way to acknowledge the unique model that operates in the schools and programs we have established in Central America. There, one thing that makes us so successful is that students work right alongside the volunteers. In fact, service is the only 'currency,' required from students in order to participate in the educational and employment opportunities," Ross says.

OLAAT currently operates three Business Institutes of Technology (BIT) to educate less fortunate young adults in Central America (two in Honduras, one in Nicaragua). Since its inception, OLAAT has had 2,300

graduates. The organization has placed 1,952 in jobs, has performed over 160,000 hours of service and provided the resources for 1,100 worthy young people to serve LDS missions.

These resources are delivered through the volunteer efforts of dentists, doctors and family service vacation groups.

"The past March, over Spring Break we took an entire dental clinic down," says Dr. Douglas Maughan, owner of LDS World Travel, who organizes the service vacations.

He explains that a dentist who was updating his clinic donated all the old equipment. "Burkhardt Dental, a dental supplier, donated tons of supplies." About the same time, Doug says, "Intermountain Health Care donated an entire medical office—with heart monitors, lights and everything." Cache Valley dentists—Doctors Bingham, Larsen and Priebe—gathered other contributions and donated their

own time and resources to go to Honduras to man the clinic for a week.

"We saw more than 100 pre-missionaries during that time," Doug says. "That's 100 young people who would not have been able to serve missions," without the medical and dental care and other resources provided through OLAAT.

In addition, dental care was provided to 93 at an orphanage for abandoned and malnourished children run by Pan American Health Services.

Another project was completed by college students and families, who built high-tunnel greenhouses. "Corn and other vegetables are now growing in those greenhouses," Doug says.

"It's an amazing process and the OLAAT service vacations are having tremendous success."

The next service vacation will be in December. Spaces are available until the end of October. To learn about service vacations and other ways to get



Photo courtesy One Life at a Time

Volunteers participating in one of the service vacations sponsored by One Life at a Time helped to set up and man a dental clinic and, within a week, provided dental work for 93 abused and neglected children and 100 young people who were preparing for LDS missions.

involved—including how to organize a seminary or Institute project or an Eagle Scout project to help with the OLAAT efforts—visit www.olaat.org.

The Light of Hope Celebration with Collin Raye, will be Friday, November 2 at the Mesa Arts Center. Tickets are available at www.olaat.org. The silent auction and VIP reception being at 6 p.m. and the concert starts at 7.

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FORMER CHANDLER STAKE PRESIDENT & PATRIARCH PASSES AWAY

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Well-known in the community and as a Spanish professor in the community college system, Martin H. Durrant will be remembered most for his service in the Church and his ability to lead and lift others around him.

Born February 11, 1935, in Evanston, Wyoming, to Clifton and Minnie Durrant, President Durrant passed away peacefully at his Chandler home on July 16, 2012. He was 77.

He graduated from Brigham Young University with a bachelor's of art degree and obtained his doctorate of philosophy at Arizona State University. He was married to Linda Johnson and they have six children and 14 grandchildren.

"He was instrumental in the organization and development of both the Mesa West and Chandler Alma Stakes,

and had served as President of both," says John Power, who was a counselor to President Durrant in the Chandler Alma Stake.

He also served as a Bishop, was the Mission President of the Peru Lima North Mission from 1986 to 1989. He was called as a Patriarch in the Chandler Alma Stake in September 2000.

"He was a super achiever and super servant of the Lord," Brother Power says. "He told me a few months before his passing that he had given over 1,000 patriarchal blessings. He gave blessings in Spanish for two other stakes."

His Spanish, he first learned when serving a mission to Mexico as a young elder. Then, he studied and taught in that language for many years. He enjoyed being with his family, riding horses and being outdoors.



Photo provided by John Power

Martin H. Durrant, well-known for his community and Church service, as a mission president, stake president and patriarch in the Chandler Alma Stake, passed away in July.

President Durrant is survived by his wife Linda, their six children—Sean (Lynette), Craig (Tina), Michelle (Rex), Neil (Synthia) Charlene (Tom) and Julie—and 14 grandchildren, his brothers—Robert and Richard—and sister, Mary Richins.

Performers Needed for Christmas Season

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Every year during the Christmas season, Beehive business manager, Linda Kay Hartmann provides a special service to the community.

"I assign musicians to perform at the Mesa main post office in the days leading up to Christmas," Linda says.

The idea came to her one day while she was waiting to mail her own packages.

"The performers play free of charge for people who are waiting in line to mail their cards and packages. We have found that cheerful music adds to the feeling of Christmas and lightens the spirits of those waiting," Linda says.

She says, in the past, performances at the post office at 135 N. Center St. in Mesa, have come from vocalists, harpists, dancers, ensembles, duets, trios, quartets, pianists, flutists, a capella groups, children groups, violin/piano duets, guitar/singer(s) & jazz ensembles.

"Small groups, numbering from 1 to 20 people are actually the best," Linda says.

Each artist or group is scheduled for a half-hour to two-hour segment. An electric piano is provided. Some performers bring their own background music; others have instruments backing them up.

Linda is looking for interested volunteers to share their talents and fill the slots for the coming Christmas season. She is scheduling people now for time slots on December 8 through 22 between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

If you, or someone you know, would like to participate, contact Linda by calling 480-844-9328 or emailing azbeehivesales@gmail.com.

Arizona Management Society Announces Schedule for Coming Meetings

The Arizona Management Society chapter president, Dr. Carl Fowles, SPHR, invites all who are interested to participate with the group.

"We welcome all who are looking to meet and serve with fellow professionals, helping to grow moral and ethical leadership in our community," Dr. Fowles says.

While the Arizona Management Society is affiliated with the BYU Marriott School of Management, he says graduates from any other institu-

tion are welcome.

"Our affiliation with the BYU Marriott School provides us with numerous resources to support us all in our professional advancement, networking and associations with likeminded business professionals," Dr. Fowles says.

Luncheons focus on networking and chapter participation and feature top-quality speakers. "Additionally this year we plan to have a number of co-sponsored activities in the community, working with other alumni groups and associations."

Luncheons held at EVIT in Mesa, begin at noon and are typically held on Thursday. The remaining meetings for 2012 are on October 18 and November 15. The Society doesn't meet in December. In 2013, they will meet January 17, February 21, March 20 (Wednesday), April 18 and May 9 before breaking for the summer.

For more information about the luncheons and other Arizona Management Society events, visit www.azmgt.com.

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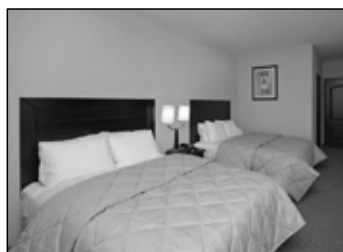
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Kitchen & appliance store touts new owner & lower prices

By Valerie Ipson
The Beehive

Bosch mixer repairs, grains in bulk, and a wide variety of cooking classes are only a part of what customers will find at Shar's Kitchen in Gilbert. New owners, Stan and Allison Carpenter, are quick to point out, though, that one of the first things visitors will notice will be the significantly lowered prices.

"We want to save families time and money," Allison says. Indeed, the store is all about nourishing families, helping parents in their desire to nourish their children. Toward this goal, they offer the best in appliances, tools, foods and instruction.

The store continues to be a Bosch and Nutrimill warranty repair shop. Their website states, "We have been associated with the Bosch Corporation for over 30 years and proudly feature their products." They also have many new products available.

Knowing that juicing is in vogue, the Shar's Kitchen owners offer appliances and expertise for juicers. Plus, they continue the store's well-known

tradition of selling bulk grains and food storage. They ship anywhere.

At Shar's Kitchen, the Carpenters take pride in offering quality products, but beyond that, they want to teach customers how to use their products to create healthier meals at home.

Their emphasis is on "healthy." Allison says, "We want families having dinners together that are nutritious. We do the best we can for kids and aged parents and ourselves, but Americans have gotten off track with meal time."

They want to help families shift their focus back to what matters.

The Shar's Kitchen staff loves guiding beginners and are quick with answers to questions. They will even grind grains for those who don't own a grinder.

Because items are offered in bulk, it is easy to try a little or a lot. Walk-in customers can buy baked goods straight from the freezer, such as bread and cinnamon rolls. During the holidays, they will also feature pies and rolls.

Daughter, Anna Carpenter, who has worked at Shar's Kitchen for eight years, is store manager, so Allison, who with her husband attends the Century Garden Ward, Mesa Kimball East Stake, is able to focus much of her time on teaching classes, which she says is her favorite part of the job.

Shar's offers classes on nutrition, gluten-free cooking, food dehydrating, plus more specific classes on pizza or breadmaking. The store also offers guest instructors from time to time. Recipes and a calendar of classes and can be found on their website, atwww.sharskitchen.com or by calling the store to subscribe to the newsletter.



Photo by Kim Tenney

Allison Carpenter, the new owner of Shar's Bosch Kitchen, says they continue to offer the same top quality products and a wide variety of cooking classes, with helpful tips and prices that will save families time and money.

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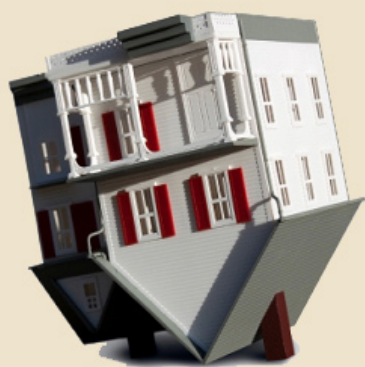


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